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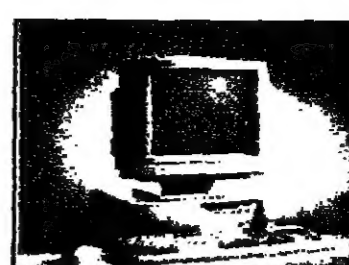
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## Likud awaits Netanyahu return

By SARAH HONIG

A subdued Likud awaits the return of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu today, anxious to see if and how he sets about putting down the signs of an insurrection against his leadership that appeared during his trip abroad.

Also due back today is National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, who was in the US. Sharon has been silent since the close of last week's turbulent Likud convention, and some of those who would like to split the Likud now regard him as their last hope. If someone of his stature teams up with them, it is argued, they might be able to pull it off.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai yesterday tersely dissociated himself from talk that he could be recruited to head the anti-Netanyahu camp.

"Netanyahu enjoys no less support than he did before the convention, distressing as some of the convention goings-on were. We are witnessing a phenomenon in which journalists are actively playing politics and trying to talk politicians into dumping Netanyahu," he said.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, who has never publicly stated his attitude towards Netanyahu, conferred in the Knesset with MK Dan Meridor. Later the two huddled with Communications Minister Limor Livnat.

Olmert declared that he "is a loyal Likud member and would do nothing to undermine the Likud." His brother, Yossi Olmert, said last night that "Ehud intends to seek re-election as Jerusalem mayor. He is not out to depose Netanyahu. Any such move would bring Labor and Ehud Barak into power. The only goal now should be to rehabilitate the Likud from within."

But not many in the party were buying the younger Olmert's denials. Likud insiders pointed to the Olmert-Meridor meeting as indicating that the rebellion is still in the cards. The question now, they said, was whether the emphasis would be on Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo's plan to split the Likud and leave Netanyahu at the head of the smaller fragment. This would deny him use of the Likud name and funds.

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Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak (second from right) and Prime Minister Kamal Ganzouri (right), escorted by security agents, walk out of the Temple of Hatshepsut yesterday.

## Islamic militants claim Luxor massacre

By YAREK TABLAWY

LUXOR (AP) — Militants blamed for most of the violence in Egypt's five-year Islamic rebellion yesterday claimed responsibility for the massacre of 62 people at an ancient monument outside Luxor.

Al-Gamaa al-Islamiya (Islamic Group) said in a statement faxed to a Western news agency that Monday's attack was a failed attempt to take hostages to trade for the freedom of Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, the blind Egyptian cleric jailed in the US for plotting to bomb New York landmarks.

The sandstone terraces of the Temple of Hatshepsut were bloodstained yesterday, but tourists warily returned. Many others fled the country, however, and agencies were scrapping tours, spelling disaster for Egypt's important tourism industry.

President Hosni Mubarak visited the temple to reassure tourists. He replaced his interior minister, blaming him for lax security.

Seven slain visitors were still unidentified. Police said the others were 31 Swiss, eight Japanese, five Germans, four Britons — including a child — a Bulgarian, a Colombian, and a French citizen. Twenty-four people were injured.

Police shot the six attackers as they tried to

escape, including a member of al-Gamaa. Al-Gamaa has been a main target of police battling a campaign of violence aimed at overturning Mubarak's secular government and turning Egypt into a strict Islamic state.

The government has arrested and jailed thousands of suspected radicals, put hundreds on trial, and executed 63 people in the past five years.

Last year, al-Gamaa took responsibility for

weapons and killing 58 foreign tourists and four Egyptians.

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Tourists flee Egypt, Page 7

the killing of 16 Greek tourists at a hotel near the pyramids. It also claimed an assassination attempt on Mubarak while he was visiting Ethiopia in June 1995; he was unharmed.

In its statement, the militants said that their "brave" hostage attempt went awry because police opened fire too quickly.

"The government forces dealt lightly with the lives of the tourists and the citizens, leading to the great number of dead," it said.

Witnesses, however, said the six gunmen opened fire as soon as they entered the temple grounds, spraying wildly with automatic

weapons and killing 58 foreign tourists and four Egyptians.

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## US beefs up Gulf arsenal

Russia: We can avoid conflict

By ARNOLD O'SULLIVAN and news agencies

The US said yesterday it would send six B-52 bombers and six F-117A stealth fighters to the Gulf this week to join a force of some 250 warplanes and 22 ships poised near Iraq.

President Bill Clinton also authorized the US military commander in the region to deploy an air expeditionary force of about 30 additional fighters and B-1 bombers if necessary, Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon said.

The moves were announced as the US, Russia, and other countries pressed diplomatic efforts to settle a

Albright.

The US radar-avoiding stealth fighters, that dropped laser-guided bombs on Baghdad during the 1991 Gulf War, will be based in Kuwait. The B-52s will go to a British base on the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia.

Bacon said the new deployment was triggered not only by the dispute over arms inspections but by "extremely active" Iraqi air defense moves, some of which he called an offensive threat to US and allied planes patrolling "no-fly" zones over Iraq.

"The air defense system is actually on a higher state of alert today than it was before he invaded Kuwait in 1990," he said. "This is a show of determination on our part to protect our forces and see this affront to the United Nations end as quickly as possible."

About 150 US warplanes in the Gulf are stationed in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait and another are 100 on the aircraft carriers *Nimitz* and *George Washington*.

The *George Washington*, ordered by Clinton to move to the Gulf from the Mediterranean last week, is moving south in the Red Sea and will enter the Gulf later this week to join the *Nimitz*.

US B-52s and swing-wing B-1 bombers also can launch air-to-ground cruise missiles carrying 900 kg. warheads for blasting through heavy concrete.

In Tel Aviv, defense sources said the general assessment of a meeting of top IDF brass, convened by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, was that the crisis with Iraq had no bearing on Israel.

Even if the scenario should change and Israel somehow became involved, the Iraqi missile threat is minimal and the public can remain calm, the sources said.

"The Iraqis have one or two missile launchers and only a limited number of missiles," a defense source close to the meeting said.

Channel 2 showed footage last night of US Marines exercising in the Negev near Shifta. It was not clear whether the maneuvers were related to the tensions in Iraq.

PA rapped for supporting Saddam, Page 2

tense confrontation between the UN and Baghdad over arms inspections in Iraq.

President Boris Yeltsin received Saddam's envoy yesterday in Moscow, and presented proposals for a diplomatic solution to the crisis. Clinton has asked Yeltsin to use Russia's longstanding ties with Baghdad to help resolve the standoff precipitated when Iraq expelled American members of UN arms inspection teams late last month.

Yeltsin sent a letter to Saddam several days ago, and the response arrived yesterday, hand-carried by Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz.

"In the course of the talks a certain program has been worked out that allows us, we think, to avoid a confrontation, to avoid the use of force and achieve a settlement," Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov said afterward. He declined to give details.

Primakov was expected to go to Geneva today for possible meetings about Iraq with the foreign ministers of Britain, France and China, and US Secretary of State Madeleine

## Egypt ignores 20th anniversary of Sadat visit

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

CAIRO — The massacre of some 60 tourists at Luxor on Monday has distracted most Egyptians from whatever attention they might have been willing to pay today's 20th anniversary of president Anwar Sadat's visit to Jerusalem.

Ever without the massacre, however, any anniversary mood would likely have been subdued because of Egypt's deep reservations about Israel's role in the peace process. No official ceremony has been

announced to mark the occasion and press attention has been scanty. The English-language *Egyptian Gazette* was the only

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Cairo newspaper to devote an article to the anniversary yesterday. It was headlined "20 years after Sadat's peace struggle in Tel

Aviv," as if he had made his plea for peace in that city rather than in Jerusalem.

Alongside that story was another, headlined "Egyptian businessmen trapped by Israeli counterparts," about alleged deceit by Israeli businessmen. The intent seemed clearly to offset any warm feelings toward Israel that the first article might have inadvertently elicited.

"You must understand that we are occupied by other things at the moment," said a senior government official, in explaining the minimal attention being devoted to the

anniversary. He cited the Luxor massacre, the tension over Iraq, and the economic conference in Qatar, which Egypt boycotted. On the latter two, the strongly negative press comments directed at the US almost universally attribute American motivation to its role as "protector" of Israel, rather than of Arab interests.

This attitude helps explain the low-key, if not ambivalent, attitude toward the anniversary of the Egyptian leader's historic initiative.

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petition which calls on him to remain in the House.

"Your wealth of experience, your wisdom, and the great deal of knowledge you have accumulated are vital today — perhaps more than ever — both to the Knesset and to the State of Israel," Rivlin wrote to Shahal.

The petition has been signed by members of almost all the Knesset factions, including Speaker Dan Tichon, but several Labor MKs have yet to sign, including Yael Dayan, Nawaf Massalha, Yossi Beilin, and Avraham Shohat. Apparently, some coalition MKs who are calling on Shahal to remain simply don't want him to be replaced by Talia Mayor Rafik Haj Yihye, who is next on the Labor list.

Yesterday, he could not be reached for comment — even by Labor Party functionaries.

Rivlin started the anti-resigna-

## Hussein, Netanyahu meet at king's British residence

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON — Prime Minister Netanyahu arrived here last night for an urgent meeting with King Hussein. The meeting, at Hussein's home at Ascot, was expected to continue well into the night.

Israeli officials said Netanyahu was being accompanied to the meeting by spokesman Shai Bazzak, political aide Uzi Arad, and military aide Shimon Shapira, who flew to London especially for the meeting.

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purpose would be to send a message to Saddam. He did not deny that this was one purpose of the meeting when interviewed by CNN's Larry King, replying cryptically that such a

suggestion "would fall into the category of hypotheticals."

He also said Israel is "looking at all possibilities of what could develop" and is prepared for all eventualities.

## The story behind the meeting

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES — An intriguing sidelight to the unorthodox arrangements underlying Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's meeting with King Hussein was revealed by Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

While driving to a doctor's appointment last Thursday morning, Hier received a call on his cellular phone from Hussein, then in Washington, saying he was sending his personal aide to Los Angeles on an important mission.

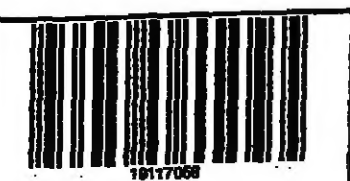
The next morning Gen. Ali Shukri arrived at the Wiesenthal Center. He carried a message that the king wanted to restore his country's frayed relationship with Israel at the highest level and could Netanyahu meet him at his London home on Tuesday.

According to Hier, Shukri stressed four points motivating Hussein: reestablishing intelligence exchanges at the top level; the issue of Palestinian air and seaport facilities; a possible moratorium on Hamas terrorism; and cementing the personal relationship between Hussein and Netanyahu.

Hier said he immediately got in touch with Yoram Ben Ze'ev, the consul-general in Los Angeles, who conveyed the invitation directly to Netanyahu.

The final details were arranged Monday, when Hussein phoned Netanyahu while he was touring the Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance.

Hier said that he and the king had struck up a friendship when Hussein toured the Wiesenthal Center last year. He said Hussein had invited him to visit him in the hospital during the king's recent illness.





## NEWS

in brief

## Case shut against Abramovitch

The attorney-general has decided to close the file against Channel 1 political analyst Amnon Abramovitch for his report that right-wing activist Avishai Raviv was a GSS informer with the code name of Champagne.

"The purpose of the investigation, which was ordered by former attorney-general Michael Ben-Yair (in 1995), was to find the person who had leaked the information to Mr. Abramovitch. There was not sufficient evidence in this respect to support an indictment," Rubinstein said in a letter published yesterday. The letter was written to advocate Eitan Peleg, who had lodged a complaint.

BatSheva Tsaur

## IDF captures Hamas fugitive

Security forces late Monday night captured a Hamas fugitive near Jenin. The army identified him as Ziad Kamul, wanted on suspicion of aiding attacks against Israelis. He was taken in for questioning, the army said.

Arie O'Sullivan

## Hamas threatens attacks

Hamas yesterday threatened to carry out terrorist attacks in retaliation for the capture of the two Tsurif gang leaders last week. A leaflet posted in Hebron claimed the Palestinian Authority handed over Ismail Rammat and Gamal Jibril Alhour to the Israeli authorities.

These charges have been denied by Palestinian officials, who have demanded that Israel extradite them.

Margot Dudkevitch

## Hamas men charged with Olmert kidnap plot

Three Hamas members were indicted in Lod Military Court yesterday on charges they conspired to kidnap Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, justices of the Supreme Court, and former cabinet ministers, and to carry out a shooting attack.

Mohammed Ibrahim Moussa Hamada, 20, was the leader of the cell, which had five members, all of them from east Jerusalem. Also indicted were Samir Mohammed Moussa Hamada, 19, and Mohammed Khaled Hamada, 20. The remaining two members of the cell are to be charged soon.

AP

## Jihad activist steps up hunger strike

Jailed Islamic Jihad activist Atef Alian stepped up her hunger strike and refused to take water yesterday. Authorities at the Neveh Tirza Prison warned they would administer liquids if she continues to refuse water.

Prison Authority spokeswoman Levana Levy-Shai said doctors have been checking Alian several times a day since she started refusing water.

Alian was arrested by IDF troops in October and has been detained since. Left-wing and human rights activists have constantly demanded that security forces either release her or press charges against her.

Margot Dudkevitch

## 7th anniversary of Kahane's murder marked

The problem with General Security Service agent Avishai Raviv is not that he incited against prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, Binyamin Ze'ev's son, but that he was the son of a rabbi leader. Rabbi Meir Kahane, said, a memorial gathering for his father last night in Jerusalem.

"The problem is that this person, by his methods, turned us, the students of Kahane, into a laughingstock - not by beating up Arabs, but by all his peculiar and funny and tasteless actions," he said. "If the GSS wanted to destroy us, then this is precisely the method, to have people laugh at us, to have contempt for us."

A crowd of 300 people also heard Noam Federman, Baruch Marzel and Shmuel Sackett speak about Meir Kahane, on the seventh anniversary of his assassination.

Eli Wohlgeleuter

## 12-year-old dies in car crash

A 12-year-old girl was killed and four 17-year-olds were injured, one seriously, when the car they were traveling in flipped over at the entrance to Migdal Ha'emek last night.

Itim

## Qatar conference urges 'land for peace'

DOHA, Qatar - The Middle East economic conference ended last night with a call for Israel to trade land for peace, and Israeli industrialists and officials said the achievements of the three-day parley went beyond their expectations.

After a day of negotiating, the conference ended with a communiqué that called for a comprehensive

US support of the phrase.

"The US delegation believed that the communiqué should reflect the deterioration of the peace process, and so they supported language that did not exist last year," an Israeli official said.

Former prime minister Shimon Peres, whose Labor government supported such a formula, said the phrase was unwise. "I don't think land for peace is feasible," he said. "Land is tangible. Peace is a promise. The purpose should be to provide people with freedom not real estate."

The Israeli delegation also fought to insert the word "security" in a portion of the communiqué that called for peace and prosperity in the region. In the draft submitted by the Arab states, and not opposed by the US and European Union countries, the call was for "all parties in the region to live in peace and prosperity."

"We went to the Europeans and asked, 'How could you allow this?'" an Israeli diplomat recalled. "They sort of shifted around and said nothing. In the end, however, we got the word

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By STEVE NODAN

security back in."

Still, Israeli officials and industrialists said they were pleased with the conference. "If somebody would have told me that this would be how the conference would have turned out, I would have had no problem with that," one official said.

Industrialists said they made numerous contacts with their Arab counterparts. Only two of the 35 business representatives expressed regret at having attended.

"I am happy to say that those who came were happy to meet with us," Dan Propper, president of the Manufacturers Association. "Some of it was in secret. Some of it was in public. We built the infrastructure for deals."

Koor Industries chairman Benny Gaon said he did not feel the effect of the boycott by Arab governments of the conference. "I didn't miss the politicians. I didn't come

to visit them."

But Gaon and some of the other industrialists said they hope developments in the peace process will ease pressure on Arab businessmen against doing business with Israel. He said that in his meetings with his Arab counterparts there was "an atmosphere of uncertainty."

Other industrialists said they no longer are satisfied with secret meetings with Arabs and want direct access to their markets.

The organizers said the next host of the conference would be announced in Davos in February 1998. They dismissed suggestions by Arab journalists that Israel be excluded from the next gathering.

"The Middle East and North Africa is a region that includes Israel," World Economic Forum president Klaus Schwab said. "We should not seek to focus on Arab-Israeli relations. What we should focus on is regional cooperation."

Douglas Davis adds from London

Industry and Trade Minister Nathan Sharansky, leader of the Israeli delegation, said he did not

believe it was the function of the conference to prescribe terms for Israel's negotiations with the Palestinians.

Interviewed by the daily newsletter *Mideast Mirror*, Sharansky said Israel is at a "very difficult process of negotiations with the Palestinians and we definitely want to find a compromise, which would also include territorial compromise and conditions of security and so on. But we don't think that it is the role of this conference to put the framework of these negotiations."

Asked whether Bethlehem was a likely venue for the next conference, he said: "We said that we are ready to support it and to organize it... in cooperation with the Palestinian Authority, but only if the leadership of this conference is interested in doing so."

"We came with this initiative; we heard that there are problems, technical problems. We heard from the organizers that in two or three years it might be possible. The moment it will be possible, we, on our part, will be glad to give all the necessary assistance."

## Bar-Ilan lambastes PA media for backing Saddam

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's communications adviser, David Bar-Ilan, has lambasted the expressions of support for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in the Palestinian Authority's Arabic-language news media. "They make a mockery of the Middle East peace process," he said.

At his behest, the Government Press Office issued a one-page summary of editorial opinion, columns, radio and TV broadcasts showing support for the Iraqi ruler and unequivocal condemnation of the US effort to compel him to obey UN decisions.

The summary is topped by this excerpt from the official PA newspaper, *al-Hayat al-Jadida*: "The aggression against Iraq is aggression against Palestine... anyone who does not say 'no' to the US is an enemy of Palestine."

A statement quoted from the Palestine Liberation Organization's mainstream Fatah wing, which identifies with PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, charged that "the US began escalating tensions through the Americans in the international inspection teams according to Washington's instructions."

Both the Voice of Palestine and *al-Hayat al-Jadida* carried the Fatah text.

Other FLO factions joined Fatah in issuing a manifesto calling on Arab states and peoples to stand by Iraq and urging the Palestinians "to undertake public activities which would emphasize the bonds of solidarity with Iraq."

Bar-Ilan cited the similarities between these views and those held by the PLO before and during the Gulf War. "Nothing has changed," he said, despite the intervening conclusion of the Oslo Accords.

Bar-Ilan termed Saddam "a tin-horn Hitler" and regretted that "especially the democratic nations, always are browbeaten by this kind of dictator and try to pacify him."



## Condolence calls to Jarawish family

Dr. Philip Veerman (center), director of the Israel office of Defense for Children International, and Rabbi Arik Asherman (right), of Rabbis for Human Rights, address a class of Palestinian children at the home of the Jarawish family in the Aida refugee camp in Bethlehem. The two had come to pay a condolence call on the family, whose 7-year-old son Ali was shot dead by the IDF last week. Several MKs and US Consul-General in Jerusalem John Herbst also visited. Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon said the Knesset is giving NIS 5,000 to the family, in recognition of its decision to donate the boy's organs for transplant.

(Text: Lisa Collins; Photo: Nirvan Shorer)

## Labor discusses elections for premier with coalition parties

By LIAT COLLINS

Members of the Third Way, Shas and Yisrael Ba'aliya considered a proposal yesterday that would move up elections for prime minister and ensure that whoever is chosen forms a national unity government.

The idea was raised in meetings involving Labor whip Ra'anan Cohen and Emanuel Zissman (Third Way), Knesset House Committee Chairman Raphael Pinhasi (Shas) and Yisrael Ba'aliya whip Roman Bronfman.

A similar meeting between Cohen and Likud whip Meir Sheerit was called off by Sheerit when he found reporters waiting for him but was expected to be held today behind closed doors.

Cohen said the aim was to muster a broad national consensus before negotiations for a permanent settlement with the Palestinians.

"I know it won't be easy but this is, I believe, the right step to take," Cohen said.

For such a motion to pass, the Knesset would have to amend the

direct elections law so that if the prime minister fell in a vote of no-confidence of 61 MKs, the Knesset would not have to dissolve. But amending that law would require a 61 MK majority for all readings.

Today the only way of ousting the prime minister without dissolving the Knesset is by a procedure which requires an 80 MK majority.

The Third Way has for several months called for a unity government. Zissman said he would prefer to see such a coalition headed by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, but would not rule out

Cohen's proposal.

Bronfman described the suggestion as "interesting."

Pinhasi said Shas's decision would depend on whether Netanyahu fulfilled promises to religious parties. "If he can't stick by his promises on the Conversion Bill and Religious Councils Bill, we will have to consider more seriously whether or not to support early elections," Pinhasi said.

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said Netanyahu's "days as prime minister are numbered" but ruled out a unity government.

Meretz whip Haim Oron objected even to discussion of forming a Likud-Labor coalition.

"The Labor Party apparently is scared of being on its own," he said. "Every time there is a chance of toppling the government, holding elections and creating an alternative coalition along the Rabin-Peres government lines, the perverted idea of national unity is raised. Every time the government is in the pits, somebody in the Labor Party volunteers to rescue it."

MK Nissan Slomiansky

(National Religious Party) proposed replacing Netanyahu with either Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert or Finance Minister Yashov Neeman.

But NRP MK Zvi Hendel cautioned that "the deficiencies, however great, in the Likud central committee do not justify breaking up the national camp to the point of helping Barak become prime minister."

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If this scheme is rejected, the dissidents may opt to bring the prime minister down in a no-confidence motion submitted by the opposition. Olmert, Meridor, and Milo are expected to meet today.

On the other side of the Likud divide, attempts to greet Netanyahu with declarations of support did not succeed. Science Minister Michael Eitan reportedly sought to circulate a petition expressing support for the prime minister which secured only six signatures, and an embar-

assed Eitan had to ditch the idea. Eitan said last night that the idea of a petition was considered but one never circulated.

However, several Likud politicians tried to act loyal. Thus, Knesset faction chairman Meir Sheerit strove hard to stress that he had not lent his support to any anti-Netanyahu move.

"To act against the prime minister now would be to hand the premiership to Ehud Barak on a silver platter. Going to the polls directly after a split in the Likud would insure his election. Only the Likud can bring peace that would be blessed by national consensus."

## Hamas, Arafat condemn attack on tourists in Luxor

## Massacre may also hurt tourism here

If you imagined that tourists who are afraid to go to Egypt will come to Israel instead, you have another thing coming, according to Galilee Tours director Moshe Hananel.

Hananel handles many of the tour groups that go to Egypt and Jordan, both Israeli ones and those coming from overseas. He says that the terror attack in Egypt is nothing but bad news for Israeli tourism, which is already in the doldrums.

"Many of those who had planned to visit Israel together with Egypt are already cancelling," Hananel said yesterday.

He added that the combined tours had been especially popular with visitors who came from far away, such as North America and the Far East.

In Eilat, tourism officials fear that the Luxor massacre will cut tourism to Eilat and the Sinai, though they believe it will only be a short-term drop.

Haim Shapiro and Itim

attack on foreign tourists... is condemned and denounced and we believe it serves neither the interest of the assailants nor the confrontation with the Zionist enemy," Hizbullah said in a statement.

"We consider that attracting friendly foreign powers on the international level serves our cause in the confrontation and shocking public opinion within these forces by similar attacks

would harm our plan and serve the goals of the enemy." (Reuters)

CORRECTION: Jibril Rajoub, the head of Preventive Security in the West Bank, denied Hamas allegations that the capture of two Tsurif terrorists last week by IDF undercover troops was a carefully staged plot he had worked out in coordination with the IDF, and not as reported in yesterday's paper.

My dear husband, my brother, our father, grandfather

## Rabbi ASHER KEMPE 75

has passed away.

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believe it was the function of a conference to prescribe terms to Israel's nervous sons with a Palestinian.

Interviewed by the Net, Shatzmayer said Israel is in a difficult process of negotiating with the Palestinians and he said which would also include some security and on. But he said that it is the role of the framework to put the framework.

Asked whether Bethlehem was a venue for the next conference, he said: "We said that we would support it and we were in cooperation with the Palestinian Authority, but we were not involved in doing so."

We came with this message that there are no political problems. We are from the organizers that in three years it might be possible. The moment it will be possible, we on our part will be glad to do the necessary assistance.

### Bar-Ilan lambastes PA media for backing Saddam

By JAY BUSHNITZ

Bar-Ilan University's Shatzmayer lambasted the Palestinian Authority's media for backing Saddam Hussein, saying it was a "disgrace" and a "betrayal" of the Palestinian people.

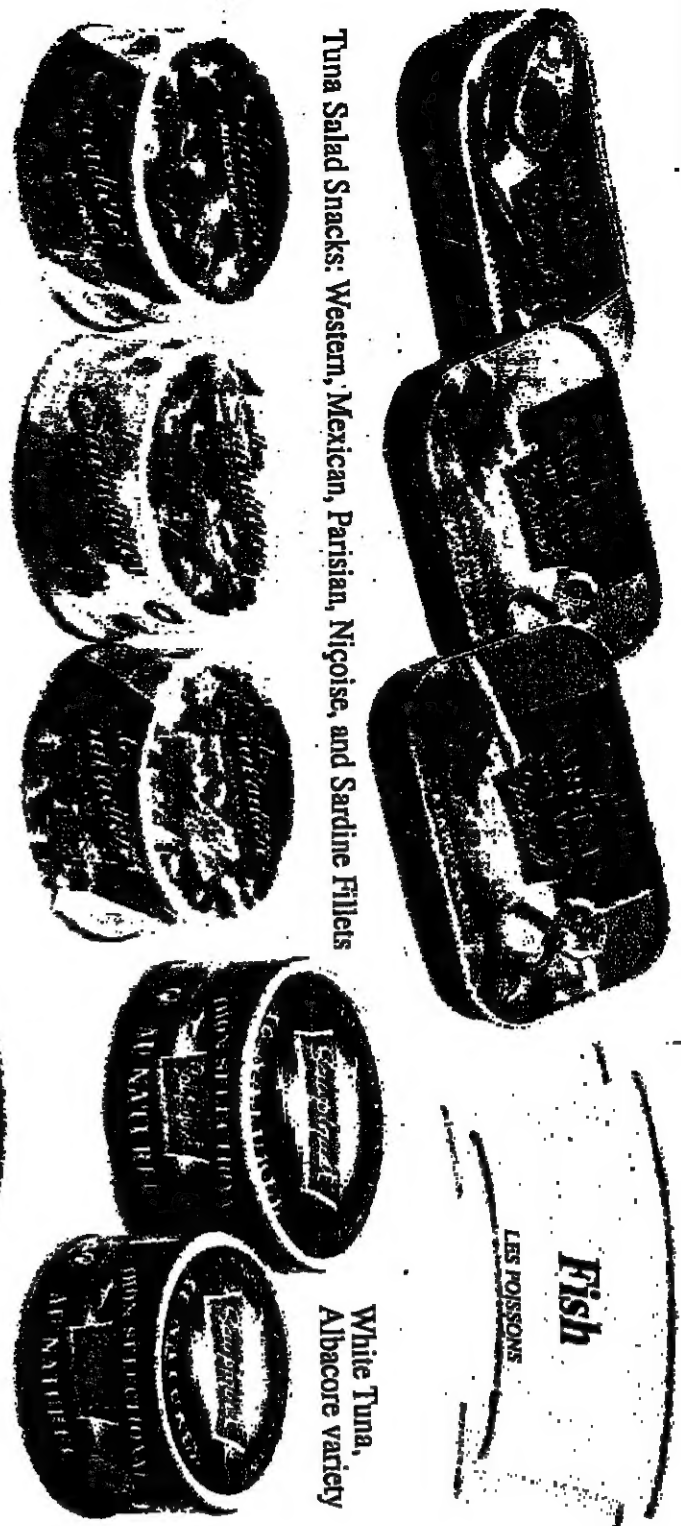
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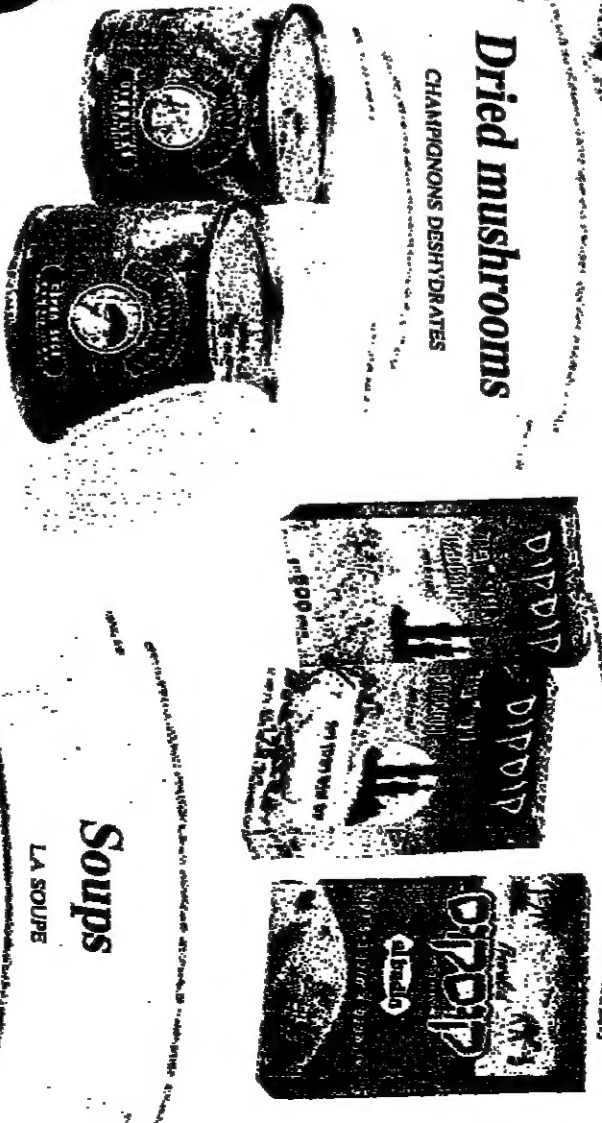
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Riva Sifere waves a check for \$400 while senior adviser to the Chairman of the Jewish Agency Zvi Ramot (left) and Assistant Executive Vice President of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee Gideon Taylor look on. (Reuters)

## Swiss fund pays survivor

RIGA (Reuters) — A Latvian Jewish woman yesterday became the first recipient of money from a \$200 million Swiss fund for Holocaust survivors.

Eighty elderly Holocaust victims in Latvia are eligible for payments from the fund, set up by Swiss banks and businesses amid controversy over unclaimed war-era accounts in Swiss banks.

About \$11 million from the fund has been earmarked for Eastern European Holocaust survivors, who have never received any compensation.

"I feel a great sense of responsibility... I represent all of the surviving Jews," said Riva Sifere, 75, after she received a check for \$400, the first installment of a \$1,000 payment.

"It has taken me until my old age to recover from the effects of the German occupation," she said.

"This money is not meant to be compensation... it is humanitarian relief. The dormant accounts are a separate issue and that money will be returned to those who are entitled to it," Rolf Bloch, the president of the fund, told Reuters.

"Sentiment is being voiced that Switzerland has not done enough in these matters... This is a symbolic start to rectify this," he said.

Germany has also been criticized for not doing enough to help Holocaust survivors from Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

"I call on the German government to stop dragging its feet and pay compensation to Holocaust survivors in Eastern Europe," Steven Springfield, the head of the Association of Jewish Survivors of Latvia in the US, said at the ceremony.

## Arafat adviser: PA needs more democracy

By HANOT DUDKOVITCH

The concern over Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's health only proves the need to democratize the PA, Arafat's adviser Marwan Kanafani said.

"We need a democratic apparatus in order to prevent problems arising in the days following Arafat's departure," he said recently.

Arafat, who has never appointed a deputy, continues to maintain his position at the peak of the pyramid, and holds all the strings, said Dr. Menahem Klein, an expert on Palestinian Affairs at Bar Ilan University.

An existing provision would allow the chairman of the legislative council, Ahmed Qurei, or Abu Ala, to stand in as PA leader until elections are called, Klein said. But there are those who may try to prevent Abu Ala from gaining this position, he said.

Palestinian legislative council member Hatam Abed Al Kader charged that the people would have to be empowered to choose a successor to Arafat. "Democracy must reign in the post-Arafat period," he said.

"You have to remember that Arafat established the PLO and the PA on a divide and rule or double empowerment and rule basis," said Klein.

Klein added that when Arafat was injured in a 1992 plane crash and asked to transfer some of his authorities to other people, "these attempts were not successful."

The Fatah movement is the major political movement in the PA.

"What we see today is competition among the new Fatah or the post-Oslo Agreement Fatah, classical Fatah members such as Saher Habash, who is strongly entrenched within the movement but in fact powerless, and others are not willing to allow Jibril Rajoub to gain power," said Klein. Rajoub is the PA's Preventive Security Chief.

Klein says one should not rule out the possibility that due to deteriorating health and internal pressures Arafat may be forced to publicly announce a successor.

Klein predicted that Arafat's departure from the scene would not hamper the peace process, since his potential successors support the agreements with Israel.

## Eitan 'dismantling Science Ministry'

By JUDY SEGEL

Knesset Science and Technology Committee chairman MK Dalia Itzik accused Science Minister Michael Eitan of "dismantling" his ministry by dismissing nearly a quarter of the staff, including the chief scientist, Prof. Leah Boehm.

During the summer, Eitan announced that he was working towards the closing of the ministry, which would be replaced by a statutory National Council for Research and Development; the minister would manage science matters from the Prime Minister's Office.

But his plans to close the ministry were met by fierce opposition, not only among ministry employees but among senior scientists and MKs. Itzik said that Eitan was, through the dismissals, carrying out his plans for dismantling the ministry, even though neither the prime minister nor the government has officially approved such a move.

Eitan's "actions constitute a

death blow to infrastructure research in Israel," Itzik charged.

Eitan's spokesman Uri Schor said that 18 people hired as temporary workers from manpower agencies have been dismissed. "They are mostly administrative and office workers who will get other jobs from their agencies," he said. "There was no alternative, as the Treasury has cut our budget and the minister would not allow a reduction in funds for research and development."

Schor said that now that Dr. Mordechai Bashari, a scientist, has taken over as ministry director-general, there was "no need for a chief scientist's office," and this move saved NIS 500,000.

Liat Collins adds: Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom, who is meant to replace Eitan as Science Minister in seven months, sent an urgent message to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu asking him to order Eitan to stop "taking unilateral steps to create facts on the ground and in effect, abolish the ministry."

## Government plans to replace foreign workers with Palestinians

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Government ministries have approved a new plan to put together a pool of Palestinian laborers with security clearance, in a move aimed at replacing foreign workers and buffering the Israeli economy from destabilizing fluctuations resulting from prolonged closures.

The pool of preferred Palestinian laborers will be given special status that will allow them to return to their jobs "within days, even hours" after a closure is imposed, said Maj.-Gen. Ya'acov Or, coordinator of government activities in the territories.

In return for this, Israeli employers will be required to undertake to collect and return the workers from the border crossings, fill out a daily security roster and, if needed, provide the laborers with sleeping arrangements, Or said.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai approved the plan this week in consultation with the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry, the IDF, General Security Service and the Internal Security Ministry.

Over the past few years, Israeli employers have increasingly preferred foreign workers over Palestinians, even if the Arabs work for lower wages, because closures imposed for security reasons make it difficult to depend on them. In 1996, for example, the territories were closed off for over 100 days.

"We are giving Israeli employers a long-term security net so they won't have to hunt for replacements for their foreign workers, and a promise that they have top priority for receiving workers once a closure is eased," said Eli Paz, a deputy director-general of the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry.

Paz said that there are currently between 150,000-200,000 foreign workers, half of whom are here illegally. He said his ministry is taking steps to remove this social powder keg.

"The plan is to revolutionize the situation and reduce the number of foreign workers in Israel and increase significantly the number of Palestinian workers," Paz said.

Or said that strengthening the Palestinian economy was a critical



Maj.-Gen. Ya'acov Or (Israel Sam)

component to the preventing a vacuum of poverty open to Islamic fundamentalism. He said employment in the Gaza Strip was about 25 percent and that the Palestinians working in Israel provided for close to 50% of the area's income.

At its peak in the late 1980s, the Palestinian labor force in Israel numbered over 100,000. Today

there are about 50,000 Palestinians working legally in Israel, with an estimated 40,000 more sneaking in without permits.

Today, permits are issued only to married Palestinian males over 24 who have undergone a check by both Israeli and Palestinian security authorities. To be admitted to the preferred group, one will have to be married, 28 or older and have two years of work experience in Israel. The Israeli and PA security checks will remain a must.

The new plan calls for doing away with quotas and letting the market demand determine how many work permits will be issued. "We are prepared to go up to 70,000," said Or. "There will be a stability of work in Israel, a promise of continuity between a man and his employer."

The plan also calls for a crack-down on foreign workers in Israel as it pushes the indigenous Arab labor force into the market. Paz said that legislation is being submitted to the Knesset to double the NIS 5,000 fine on employers hiring foreign workers without proper permits.



Award winner

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon (left) congratulates Ivan Pope of the road safety group Metuna, one of those who received the Speaker's Quality of Life Award at the Knesset yesterday. (Isaac Harari)

## UKM to go ahead with Jordan bike trip

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The United Kibbutz Movement intends to proceed with plans to take over 2,000 12th graders on a bike tour of Jordan during Hanukka, despite opposition from the Education Ministry, which would prefer they tour Jerusalem instead.

Yoel Marshak, head of the UKM's youth and settlement department, said the main aims of the four-day trip was to show support for the peace treaty with Jordan, mark 40 years of Jewish settlement in the Arava, and serve as a last gathering of youth from various movements before their summer draft.

The tour starts in the Arava, where participants will observe a live-fire army exercise and meet with officer cadets, all part of an

effort to increase motivation to serve in the IDF. Two days of the trip will be spent in Jordan where they are to be hosted by residents of Akaba and a representative of King Hussein, Marshak said.

They will then bike down to the border with Saudi Arabia, where they will spend the night. The tour also includes a bus trip to Petra.

The prime minister's adviser on terrorism, Ehud Yatom, notified the UKM last month that they were responsible for the security of the teens during their stay in Jordan. In a letter to the UKM, Yatom advised that they seek a security assessment on the eve of their trip to make sure there were

no known threats. But Yatom did not advise against conducting the tour.

"We see this as approval," Marshak said. "And we are going ahead with it."

But Education Ministry officials said Yatom has insisted that the tour be done as a private group and not under state auspices. Peled demanded that the UKM sign each parent on a release absolving the state of responsibility.

"Parents believe they are going under the protection of the state, but they are not," Peled said, adding he did not believe any responsible parent would sign the release.

The last stop on Netanyahu's visit was the gala sponsored by the Orthodox-founded Aish Hatorah College and outreach program. That event was held on the tennis court at the home of Merv Adelson, one of Hollywood's financial and political power hitters.

Some 220 guests attended, of whom the paying portion contributed from \$10,000 to \$25,000 per couple to provide student scholarships through the Jerusalem Fund of Aish Hatorah.

Netanyahu conferred the fund's King David Award on veteran screen actor Kirk Douglas. The guest list included Hollywood studio chiefs, business leaders, and California Gov. Pete Wilson.

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## Ministry warns against health-fund tricksters

By JUDY SEGEL

The Health Ministry has launched a publicity campaign, including newspaper ads, warning the public against signing away their health-fund membership under the influence of contractors who pocket

about NIS 200 for each new member they sign up.

These salesmen, who bait-and-switch passersby in shopping centers and contact them by phone, offer prizes such as luggage and towels to get people to sign a form that will let them "try out the health fund while

not losing any benefits in their old health fund." In fact, those who sign are barred from getting hospitalization coverage and other benefits from the previous insurer.

"Don't sign anything," warned Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, "without first giving in careful con-

sideration."

Dr. Karmi Rubin-Jabotinsky, the ministry's ombudsman, has received many complaints from individuals ejected from their health fund after signing such forms, while thousands of others have claimed that their signatures were forged.

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## Knesset panel to discuss IDF gasmask shortage

The Knesset's State Control Committee will convene next week to discuss reports that the IDF is short of some 150,000 gas masks and that 40,000 gas masks have been found faulty. There has been heavy pressure on stations supplying gas masks since the crisis that erupted over UN weapons inspections in Iraq.

security staff and police are investigating.

Begin Center proposed

More than 70 MKs from coalition and opposition parties have signed a bill by MK Ruvy Rivlin (Likud) proposing that a center be established in memory of Menachem Begin. The law is similar to one passed a few months ago establishing an educational and memorial center in Yitzhak Rabin's memory. Rivlin said that public groups, including an organization established several years ago, have tried for five years to create such a site but have been delayed by bureaucracy.

Children's Day marked

The Knesset marked International Children's Day yesterday both in committee meetings and the plenum. Philip Veerman, director of Defense for Children International, in Israel told the Labor and Social Affairs Committee that the Finance Ministry's proposals to cut child allowances, the education budget

and a move to shut Family Health Stations (previously known as Tipat Halav stations) can be seen as violations of the Convention of the Rights of the Child, ratified by Israel in 1991.

The plenum heard a string of bills on children's rights.

Religious panel to discuss archaeology

Members of the Knesset caucus of religious party MKs yesterday decided to establish a joint forum of the Atra Kadisha and the National Antiquities Authority to discuss problems arising during archaeological rescue digs. The lobby is led by MK Shmuel Halpern (United Torah Judaism) who stressed that haredim are not against archaeology but believe that disturbing ancient Jewish graves violates Halacha and could bring disaster.

AT THE KNESSET

By LIAT COLLINS

Haredim jobs bill

MK Avraham Poraz (Shinui) yesterday submitted a bill based on an idea broached by Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman for haredim to be allowed to enter the work force rather than have to remain in yeshiva in order to be exempted from military service.

Poraz said he accepted that realistically a large part of the haredi sector would continue not to do full military service, and that it was better to at least be able to have them do reserve duty and become part of the nation's work force.

Bill to improve foreign workers' conditions

Several MKs from different parties, led by Amnon Rubinstein (Meretz), have drawn up a bill to improve conditions for African foreign workers in Israel.

Under the bill, Israel would issue visas for three to five year periods and permit the workers to open bank accounts and enjoy social services for which they would be charged by the National Insurance Institute.

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Russian, Ethiopian olim to help soldiers' families

The IDF will place Russian and Amharic-speaking soldiers in Kazrin Ha'Ir (local IDF liaison) offices to help soldiers' families who do not speak Hebrew. The decision was announced by Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom in answer to a parliamentary question by Zvi Weinberg (Yisrael Ba'aliya).

Baisheva Tsar contributed to this report.

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Netanyahu  
telescopes 2  
days into 1  
in LA

By TOM TUGER

LOS ANGELES — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu arrived here at 2 a.m. on Monday and met with business leaders and other officials before heading to a meeting with King Hussein of Jordan.

Netanyahu's arrival in Los Angeles was a surprise, as he was expected to spend the day in Jerusalem. He was seen at a meeting with King Hussein of Jordan, who is visiting the U.S. for a medical checkup.

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# ETV head resigns

By HELEN KAYE

ETV director-general Ahuva Feinmesser yesterday tendered her resignation in a letter to Education and Sports Minister Ze'evulun Hammer and to the Knesset Education Committee.

Her resignation was promptly accepted by Hammer who has sought her removal for more than a year, after he refused to renew her contract when it expired.

Hammer's new appointee for the post is Moti Sklar, currently the principal of the Ma'aleh College of Communications, a religious institution. He intends to present Sklar's nomination to the cabinet Sunday for confirmation.

In her letter, Feinmesser cited "the devil's dance swirling around ETV, which seriously endangers the station's 30 year record of achievement," a reference not only to the labor troubles which have plagued the station over the last year, but also to the row over her presumed replacement, who is religious and lives in the settlement of Ofra.

Some of the labor unrest was caused by personnel cutbacks Feinmesser has made and the employees' uncertainty regarding job security.

ETV has prided itself on its professionalism and independence over the years Feinmesser wrote, an independence which now seems threatened.

Responding at the same Knesset committee meeting, Shinui MK Avraham Poraz indicated that he will petition the High Court of Justice to prevent Sklar's appointment without a tender, saying "general managers in government service can be fired with a month's notice. An unhealthy dependence will therefore result between the minister and the director-general of ETV."

However, Civil Service Commissioner Shmuel Hollander told the committee that the post is one of some 45 senior positions that can, in fact, be filled without a tender.

During Feinmesser's tenure, ETV went from 53 to 110 weekly broadcast hours, and from one to three channels, all on an annual budget of NIS 120 million.



**Coexistence pays**  
President Ezer Weizman receives a gift yesterday from New York businessman Alan Sifka, founder of the Abraham Fund, a \$700,000 fund for Jewish-Arab coexistence that awarded grants to 55 educational, cultural and health projects at a Beit Hanassi ceremony. The ceremony was also addressed in Hebrew and Arabic by former president Yitzhak Navon, chairman of the fund's public council and the deputy chairman, Dr. Mahmud Abbassi. (Text: Basheva Tsur. Photo: Bryan McBurney)

## Edelstein to meet with Pollard next week

By BAT SHEVA TSUR and ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein left Monday night on a 10-day trip to the U.S., during which he is to visit Jonathan Pollard in Butner Prison in North Carolina next Monday.

A spokesman for Edelstein said Edelstein wants to put Pollard's case back on the national agenda, and believes his situation has been neglected by the government.

This week marks 13 years since Pollard's imprisonment, and the spokesman said Edelstein believes the efforts to get back the General Security Service agents involved in the Mashael Affair leads him to believe that the country has the power to bring individuals back from captivity if it really wants to do so.

Meanwhile, Pollard, serving a life sentence for spying for Israel, has decided to take the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations to the Rabbinical Council of America's beit din (rabbinical court).

Pollard asked New York Rabbi Avi Weiss, who has been active on his behalf, to represent him against the conference which, he says, has refused to honor two of Judaism's most important mitzvot — the redemption of captives and saving a life.



J. Pollard (Wolf Blitzer)

## Australian Jews angry over delays in disaster probe

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee chairwoman MK Naomi Blumenthal (Likud) yesterday recommended asking the prime minister to send an envoy to meet with Australian Jews and explain the delay in prosecuting those responsible for the Maccabiah bridge collapse.

Her comments were in response to reports that a failure to resolve the issue has angered many Australian Jews and undermined their support for Israel.

A statement to the committee from Dr. Ron Weiser, President of the Zionist Federation of Australia, said "the relationship between the Australian Jewish community and Israel has been dramatically affected by the events of the Maccabiah and its aftermath."

Blumenthal, citing other recent expressions of anger with Israel in the Australian Jewish community, said that part of the problem could be attributed to a communications gap.

She said the committee session was called to send "our deepest support that we can send from the Knesset to Sasia Elterman and the other victims and their families, and to tell them that the state of Israel stands behind them, behind its responsibility for and commitment to each of them, and to the Australian Jewish community."

Elterman, a tennis player, was seriously injured in the collapse. As a first step in explaining the delays in the case, a member of the state attorney's office who is traveling to Australia on private business, plans to meet with representatives of victims' families and others in the Jewish community, the committee was told.

Initial financial compensation of \$500,000 for victims should be forthcoming as soon as a committee appointed in Australia to weigh the requests reaches a decision, expected in early December.

The money, in the form of a loan, has been approved by the government.

The committee also addressed the issue of South African Jewry yesterday. Blumenthal accused the government of failing to do enough to promote the immigration of South African Jews to Israel. Many, she said, were fleeing growing violence in South Africa by immigrating to Australia or Canada. The committee is to meet in two weeks to discuss ways of encouraging these Jews to immigrate instead to Israel.

## RUSSIAN PRESS REVIEW

By YOSEF BEGUN

**Sharansky's gesture**

The Russian press discusses Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky's participation in the mass rally in Kfar Saba organized by supporters of the left-wing opposition. An editorial in *Vremya* stated, "The appearance of Sharansky at this meeting is understandable in light of his recent steps toward negotiating for a national unity government." The newspaper reported that Sharansky's office received dozens of telegrams and faxed supporting his participation in the commemoration.

24 Hours stated that Sharansky's main objective is not necessarily a unity government but a unifying of the nation. "Without national consensus, it is impossible to untangle the Lebanon knot. One would not be able to reach a permanent agreement with the Palestinians, could not bring together the position of the Orthodox and the Reform, could not defend against the Iranian threat," the paper writes.

Sharansky's appearance displayed his rural fortitude, says Ludmilla Lagush. "He was denounced as a minister, as a right-winger, and as a Russian." But his

appearance "once again proved that Sharansky continues to be a Jewish idealist who does not accept the fact that today, some 2,000 years after the murder of Gedalia, a Jew can raise his hand against another Jew."

**Grief on parade**

The general tone regarding the second commemoration of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination was expressed by Sofia Ron in *Vest*. "I don't understand why what happened has to make me revise the past. I condemn the assassination, but it does not deprive me of my right to deem... his policy imprudent. His Oslo Accords are disastrous for the country." Referring to Rabin's intolerance toward the settlers, she said that, as a resident of Hebron, she did not participate in the "semi-official parade of sorrow" following his death, "not because I am against preventing violence but because if I had been shot by terrorists while driving home to Hebron, Rabin would not have come to my funeral."

Another commentator in *Vest*, Anna Isakova, recalls her impressions when "as a child, I saw endless crowds [at Stalin's funeral]

expressing the grief of the nation. I parroted the prescribed words and I cried my ready-to-flow tears... There is a lot of dishonesty in mass demonstrations of sorrow. I don't believe that collective grief can be sincere. Pain is personal."

**Ida Nudel**

The cover article of *The Seventh Day*, the weekly magazine of *Novosti Nadel*, was dedicated to Ida Nudel. "Ten years ago on Simhat Torah, she came to this country with a great fanfare and a warm welcome from the leaders," writes Tal Bashan.

"They used me," says Nudel, "but at the beginning I did not protest. I understood. It was a festival uniting all Jews. I became a symbol of the best in the Jewish people: self-respect, national honor, steadfastness."

But, she says, she didn't want to be a passive symbol; she wanted to continue her work for the nation. "But nobody was interested in me as a person. Ya'acov Tsur, absorption minister at the time, told me 'Your role is over. You're like a plaque on the wall.'"

## Israel in El Nino project

By JUDY SIEGEL

A satellite observatory for measuring tropical rainfall and effects on global weather patterns caused by El Nino was to be launched from Japan at 10:40 p.m. local time last night, in a project involving U.S., Japanese and Israeli cooperation.

The observatory, called Tropical

Rainfall Measuring Mission (TRMM), is a joint U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration and Japanese project supported by an international team of scientists.

Dr. Daniel Rosenfeld of the Hebrew University's atmospheric sciences department developed the methodology used by TRMM to measure rainfall with radar.

## NEWS in brief

**Sanctions to shut operating rooms, clinics**

All operating rooms in the north of the country will be shut down today except for emergencies, while diagnostic institutes and outpatient clinics in the south will be closed as well.

The Israel Medical Association, which yesterday held a general strike in all public general, psychiatric and geriatric hospitals, defines the north as Kfar Saba northwards and the south as whatever lies south of Kfar Saba.

The sanctions — now in their 10th week — are in protest against the Treasury's refusal to finance 360 additional doctors' jobs in public institutions. *Judy Siegel*

**Threat to shut development town schools**

Schools in the 51 development towns will be shut as of December 1 to protest planned budget cuts, Union of Local Authorities officials announced yesterday.

Beit Shמש Mayor Daniel Vaknin said the decision by the Ministerial Committee on Economics to make parents in development towns pay for nursery school classes for their children was a return to the 1950s.

The mayors decided not to collect the money from the parents, and said they would put pressure on the ministers to cancel the decision, but if all else failed, they would shut down the schools. *Aryeh Dean Cohen*

**Parents on hunger strike to get kids into school**

Ten parents of children who were supposed to attend the Mikve Yisrael Agricultural School but whose registration was canceled at the last minute, according to the parents, continued the hunger strike they started Sunday in an attempt to get them admitted.

Some 100 junior high school pupils had their registration canceled when the Holon Municipality decided to cut the number of seventh-grade classes in the school from five to two, the parents said.

Holon Mayor Moti Sasson said that both the High Court of Justice and an independent arbiter have ruled against parents' demands to admit their children to Mikve Yisrael. *Idit*

**Argentine bomb probe to call ex-police chief**

An Argentine congressional commission will summon a former police chief for questioning over the July 1994 bombing of the AMIA Jewish community center in Buenos Aires that killed 86 people, the commission's head said yesterday.

Former chief of the Buenos Aires province police Pedro Kłodczyk will be called to testify tomorrow, Congressman Carlos Soria said.

Soria said there were "many reasons" to question Kłodczyk. Kłodczyk was fired as head of Argentina's largest police force in 1996 after four of his officers were arrested and charged with providing the vehicle used in the car-bomb attack. *Reuters*

**Argentinian defense minister to visit**

Argentinian Defense Minister Jorge Dominguez is scheduled to pay a week-long official visit at the end of the month, the Defense Ministry announced yesterday. Dominguez is slated to visit defense industries and IDF bases. Fewer than a dozen defense ministers have visited since the Likud-led government took over. In contrast, some 35 arrived during 1994 alone when the ministry was under Yitzhak Rabin. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

**Israeli and Dutch defense industries join forces**

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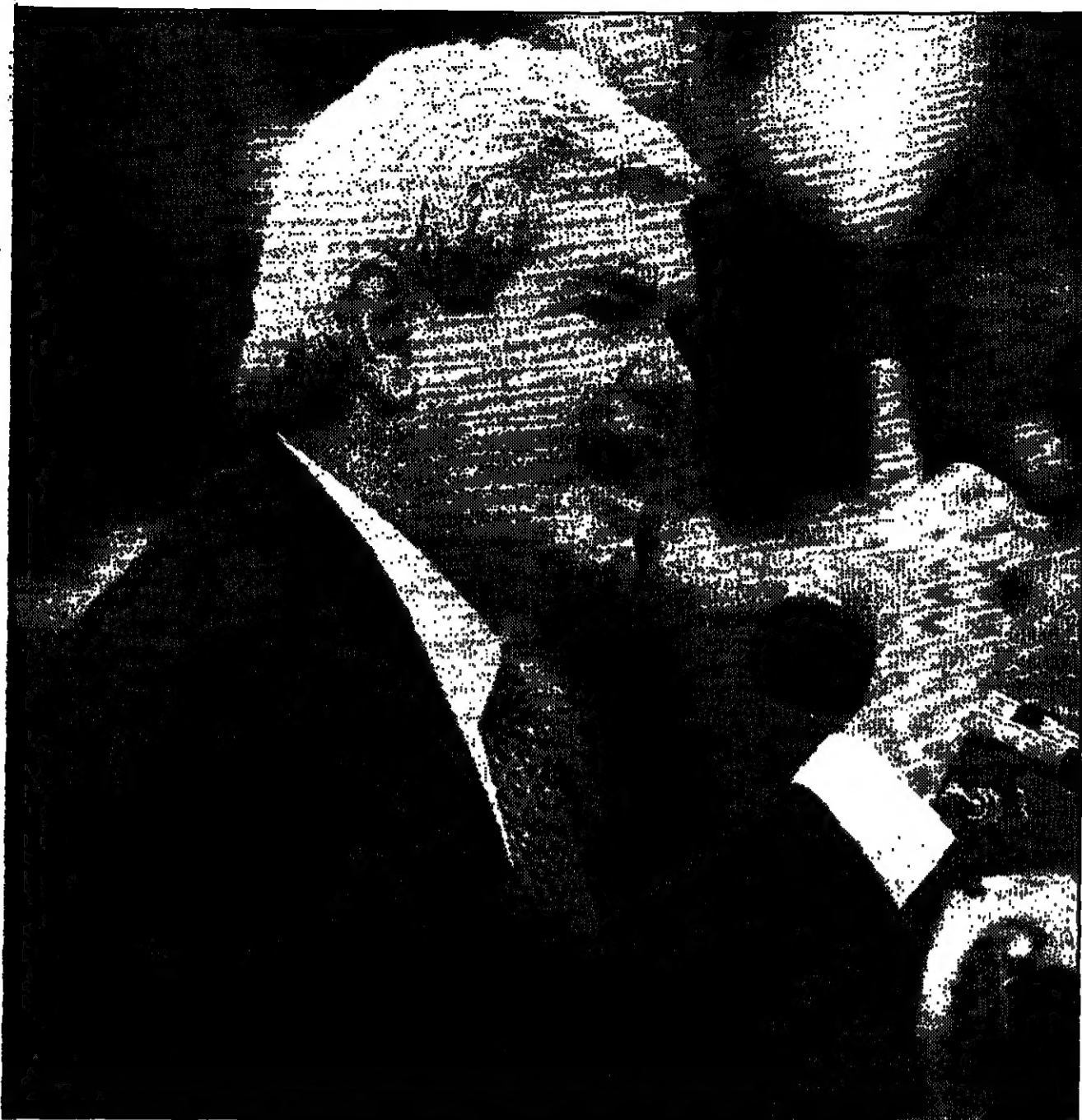
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# On top of his game

Newt Gingrich ends a rocky year svelte and disciplined, after snapping up leadership tips from football coach Joe Paterno



Gingrich, a changed man: "I'm much more decisive and much more direct than I had been for a long time." (AP)

By JOHN E. YANG

WASHINGTON — The Newt Gingrich who ended his third session as House speaker last week was a very different leader than the one who began it — and the key may have been a mid-summer telephone conversation with fabled college football coach Joe Paterno.

In July, after a plot to topple him was uncovered, the Georgia Republican called Paterno, from whom he had previously sought advice on leadership and management.

"I'm clearly not doing a good enough job of explaining to my assistant coaches what I'm going to do," Gingrich recalled telling the Penn State coach.

Paterno's play: Slow down, listen, focus.

"I decided I had to go back and be an active day-to-day leader" rather than being "as aloof and vision-oriented as I'd hoped in the spring," Gingrich recalled in an interview last week, hours before he returned home to Marietta, Georgia.

It has been a roller-coaster year for Gingrich, beginning with the House's first ever reprimand of a speaker and assessment of a \$300,000 penalty for ethics violations — which came on the heels of the death of his stepfather, whom he idolized — running through the plunge of July's palace intrigue and the heights of August's budget agreement.

It ended this week on a high note for Gingrich, as the session's final disputes with President Clinton were resolved, largely in the GOP's favor. Gingrich even won praise for standing with the president and skillfully rallying House Republicans on a crucial trade vote, albeit in a losing effort.

"It has been a very successful year for House Republicans," Gingrich said.

The year ends with Gingrich a changed man, both physically and mentally. "I think I'm more disciplined, I think I'm more experienced, probably in some ways wiser, although I don't mean that in any pontifical sense," said Gingrich, 30 pounds lighter than he was in January after a regimen of diet

and exercise.

"I've learned that hot stoves actually burn, ending a lifetime series of experiments. I'm probably in some pretty profound ways happier."

He is also a changed leader. "I'm much more decisive and much more direct than I had been for a long time," Gingrich said.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS see the change, too. "He's taken a quantum leap from where he was in January," said Rep. Ray LaHood, (R-Illinois). "He's shown extraordinary leadership in advancing our agenda, articulating our issues."

Even restive House Republicans who had sharply criticized him earlier are displaying a new-found sympathy.

"I'm trying to put myself in his shoes a bit, with all that he's got to deal with," said Rep. Lindsey Graham, (R-South Carolina). "I need to be more sensitive to that."

Lawmakers point to July's near-death experience of an aborted uprising by dissident House Republicans and his own lieutenants as the pivotal point in Gingrich's turnaround.

"He realized if he didn't do it, there was nobody else who could do it," said LaHood, who spoke with Gingrich often during that period.

In the summer, Gingrich took personal charge of negotiations with the Clinton administration over the budget agreement and tax cuts. In recent weeks, he took over talks with the White House over disputes concerning the 2000 census and US aid for international family-planning programs.

Through it all, he displayed a discipline often absent in earlier talks with the administration, when he would blurt out ideas and proposals to reporters before clearing them with other House Republicans or leadership lieutenants.

INDEED, GINGRICH has revamped his staff's assignments to avoid previous pitfalls. To instill discipline in his public pronouncements, press secretary Christina Martin positions herself in his field of view when he speaks with reporters, nodding or shaking her head

to try to keep him out of trouble.

"You used to get a lot more dumb stories out of me than you can now," Gingrich said.

And in an effort to avoid problems stemming from the difficulty Gingrich has in saying no to competing factions of lawmakers — leaving it to other leaders to deal with the consequences — aide Mark Peterson is at his side with a legal pad when he speaks with lawmakers, so there is a record of what he says and the commitments he makes.

In addition, lawmakers said the speaker, whose leadership mantra is "listen, learn, help and lead," is listening better.

"He's less likely to immediately fire back with an argumentative response," said a senior House Republican lawmaker. "He thinks more before responding."

It all follows the advice of Paterno, who joins the eclectic mix of Gingrich's leadership models, including management expert Peter F. Drucker, quality control guru W. Edwards Deming, industrialist Alfred P. Sloan, George C. Marshall and Dwight D. Eisenhower, whose portrait hangs in Gingrich's Capitol office.

Gingrich himself is now writing a book on the lessons of leadership. In reviewing his brief tenure as speaker, he said, "Some of it is very funny, some of it is very sad and some of it is just confusing."

The coup attempt, for instance, left him "saddened at a level that I've never talked about," he said in the interview. "It was like a dysfunctional family where everyone was trying to describe their pain ... It was like a death in the family, just immensely deep grief ... [at] the sense of failure on my part and the degree to which people had gotten isolated and frightened and, in a very real way, alienated."

Gingrich, in his first extended remarks about the incident, stressed he viewed it not as a plot or a coup but as "a remarkably confused mess ... I don't think anybody in the leadership was disloyal." The only casualty of the episode was Rep. Bill Paxon, (R-New York), whose resignation Gingrich accepted. (The Washington Post)

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## UK mother, daughter, granddaughter die in attack

LONDON (Reuters) - A five-year-old British girl, her mother and her grandmother were among those killed in Monday's massacre in Egypt by presumed Muslim militants, their tour company said yesterday.

First Choice Holidays named the child as Shaunnah Turner, from Halifax in northern England. Her mother, Karina Turner, was 24.

The three had been on a private excursion with a local guide to the Hatshepout Temple at Luxor when the assailants began firing, killing around 60 tourists and three policemen. Police later shot all six gunmen dead.

The Turner family were among six British vacationers killed in the attack.

The first survivors to return to Britain told reporters how they survived the attack by sheltering in a tobacco kiosk while bullets flew around them.

"The police used our kiosk as a vantage point to snipe at the gunmen as they were escaping. We were right in the middle of it," Ann Putter told reporters at London's Gatwick Airport.

"We were trapped in that spot for two hours with 30 or 40 English, French and Italians with us," her friend Marilyn Lee said.

Lee and Putter said they had been visiting the temple on the last day of their holiday when the firing began.

At first, police had ushered them into one of the ancient tombs to shelter from the gunshots and then ordered them out again.

"At that point we didn't realize what had happened and that so many people had been killed behind us at the temple... We heard the shots but didn't realize what was going on," said Lee.

"The police didn't tell us - I don't think they knew," she added.

British tourist Victoria McIlvenna told Britain's *Daily Mail* newspaper that she saw the gunmen firing from a hijacked minibus as tourists ran for their lives.

"They [the gunmen] were waving their arms frantically and seemed to be firing at random," she said.

"I saw a man in a white shirt and a woman in a blue dress and screams and cries, but there was a lot of smoke and it was like a cloud. People were running in all directions crying out, waving their arms frantically in the air in panic."

British tour companies have started an airlift to evacuate hundreds of Britons from Egypt and have cancelled tourist flights to the country.

# Tourists flee Egypt following massacre

LONDON (Reuters) - Overseas tour operators began flying home hundreds of tourists yesterday after presumed Islamic militants massacred about 60 people, mostly foreign holidaymakers, at one of Egypt's main tourist attractions.

Seven empty aircraft flew from Britain to the southern Egyptian resort of Luxor to bring home Britons cutting short their stay after Monday's tragedy, and four more special flights were expected back later in the day.

As the threat mounted to the \$3 billion-a-year tourist industry which is a mainstay of Egypt's economy, US Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat said the attack only underscored the need to boost the economy of the Middle East.

The situation yesterday in Egypt, which is tragic in the first order, is a reminder of what the real dangers in this region are - and that is the dangers of radicalism and terrorism," he said at the three-day economic conference in Qatar.

At least 35 and perhaps 42 of the victims - many of whom were mutilated and hard to identify - were Swiss. Another 10 were believed to be Japanese, most of them young couples on honeymoon.

Britain said six of its citizens were among the dead and Bonn said the victims could include four Germans.

Switzerland warned travelers to stay away from Egypt altogether and other countries including Japan and Britain were contemplating issuing similar advice.

Swiss Foreign Minister Flavio Cotti flew to Cairo to console the injured and bereaved, and Swiss President Arnold Koller told reporters: "Anybody who wipes out lives in this atrocious manner makes themselves an enemy of all humankind."

Britain and the United States had already issued emergency advice urging visitors to avoid areas along the Nile in upper Egypt.

Japan followed suit, telling them to avoid using cars and ships to travel to Luxor - Egypt's tourist heartland of 4,000-year-old pharaonic temples and tombs visited by two million people a year.

A first planeload with 90 Swiss travelers from Luxor and Aswan who had canceled their holidays landed in Zurich early yesterday, and at least two more were expected in the evening.

Three major British tour operators who send a large share of the 350,000 Britons who visit Egypt each year canceled all holiday flights to the country over the next



Tourists gather at the Luxor airport to depart Egypt following the massacre. (AP)

three days.

The British travel firm Airtours announced it was arranging to fly home its 351 holidaymakers in the Luxor area, as well as about 300 customers of other companies.

Other British companies were offering clients due to travel to Egypt refunds or alternative holidays.

"Our companies will want to assess matters over the next 48 hours before deciding whether to pull out of Egypt completely," said Keith Betton, spokesman for

the Association of British Travel Agents.

"We shall be liaising with the Foreign Office and also with the Egyptian authorities to see what levels of security can be guaranteed. But a number of people seem happy to stay and it's unlikely that all Egyptian tours will be canceled."

Japanese operators said many clients had been calling to cancel tours to Egypt.

German tour agents made no plans to evacuate their customers already in Egypt, but said holi-

daymakers who had already booked a trip to Egypt could cancel and receive all their money back.

The World Tourism Organization in Madrid said the massacre would hit Egypt's tourist trade hard, but that tourists should not be discouraged from going there.

"Terrorism is present in every country in the world, and the Egyptian government is taking special measures to ensure the safety of visitors to the region," said the organization's spokesman, Abdel Ghaffar.

## Egyptians horrified in aftermath of attack

By MONA ELTAHAWY

CAIRO (Reuters) - "Those sons of dogs. They shot them down like mice," said an Egyptian woman chatting to a friend on the Cairo metro yesterday.

Ordinary Egyptians are reeling in shock over the massacre of approximately 60 foreign tourists by Muslim militants on Monday outside the Hatshepout temple in Luxor.

The attack, in which four Egyptians were also killed, was the bloodiest single assault on tourists since Islamists took up arms in 1992 to overthrow the government of President Hosni Mubarak and install a strict Islamic state.

"We are living under terrorism. What happened in Luxor can happen any time," said Azza Abdel-Naby, 27, a nurse.

"It's very, very wrong. How in God's name can someone be walking along and get blown up or shot at?"

"They have to put an end to this. They should take a terrorist in a public square and cut him up into tiny pieces to set an example," Abdel-Naby said.

Mubarak rushed to Luxor with key ministers in an attempt at damage control as gruesome footage of the dead and wounded dominated Egyptian and foreign television newscasts.

"We will take much tougher measures in the area," Mubarak told reporters at Hatshepout temple.

"This could happen anywhere in the world. We are very sorry. We will fill the gaps [the attackers] went through."

Al-Gama's al-Islamiya (Islamic Group), Egypt's largest militant group, claimed responsibility yesterday for the attack.

It said in a statement that one of its units had tried to take tourists hostage at Hatshepout temple, adding that four of its 15 members had been killed and two captured.

The aim was to win freedom for its leader, blind cleric Sheikh Omar Abdel-

Rahman, jailed in the United States for conspiring to blow up the World Trade Center in 1993.

Many Egyptians said militants were giving Islam a bad name.

"Islam never said to do this. God didn't say to kill," said Ahmed Ahmed Abdel-Salam, 31, a security guard.

"These are people who have no principles, or morals or faith."

Others bemoaned the blow to the tourism industry, which is a \$3 billion-a-year mainstay of the Egyptian economy.

"Egypt is almost completely dependent on tourism. It brings in a lot of money," said Asmaa Abdel-Azeem Elewa, 31, an accountant.

"Instead of becoming a country that develops with time, we are losing the income we need to develop. This is a disaster."

Some Egyptians repeated the government line that militants are funded from abroad.

Mubarak told reporters in Luxor: "Such people who kill human beings are not Muslims, Christians, or Jews... they are criminals. They are given money from outside the country."

Tala'at Ali Mohammed, 31, an electrical technician, said that he thought the Luxor attack was staged to punish Egypt for its refusal to attend the North African and Middle East economic conference in the Qatari capital, Doha.

"What happened yesterday was pressure on Egypt for the sake of political ends," Mohammed said.

"Whenever Egypt takes a stand on a particular issue, this type of thing happens. This was in response to Egypt's position on the Doha conference."

"[The gunmen] are not Egyptians... This attack is from people who are from outside who want to play with Egypt," said Abdel-Salam.

It could be from the United States or other countries who are jealous of Egypt because its economy has been improving."

## Kremlin, Duma in power struggle

By ANATOLY YERLIN

MOSCOW (Reuters) - The Kremlin unequivocally told the Communist-led majority in the Duma (parliament) yesterday there was no point in trying to force President Boris Yeltsin to drop his economic guru Anatoly Chubais.

"I'd like to give some advice to the most radical part of the opposition," spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky said.

"Remember, it is hopeless to talk to the president of the Russian Federation in terms of ultimatums and demands."

Yet even before this reminder of Yeltsin's strong dislike of being pushed into a corner, the opposition changed tack.

The Communists, the biggest grouping in the State Duma lower house of parliament, said on Monday they would not even dis-

cuss the draft 1998 budget while Chubais, 42, remained in the posts of first deputy prime minister and finance minister.

They softened their stance yesterday and agreed to look into the bill on Friday.

They appeared to accept it would not be Chubais but First Deputy Finance Minister Vladimir Petrov who would represent the cabinet in the debate.

Chubais, hated by the opposition, barely survived a scandal last week over fees he and some of his allies had received for an as yet unpublished book. Yeltsin sacked three co-authors but kept Chubais after rebuking him publicly.

The Duma is scheduled to consider a resolution today which would urge Yeltsin to accept the resignation offered from Chubais which he had submitted over the book scandal.

It is likely to pass the non-binding document but the real test of the deputies' mood will be tomorrow, when they are due to look into three important draft tax laws sought by the government to form a basis for the budget.

Valentin Kuptsov, number two in the Communist Party, told reporters that during the Friday budget debate his faction would take part in discussion but refuse to vote if Chubais was not sacked by then.

Yastrzhembsky said the composition of the government and the draft 1998 budget were issues of "different caliber" and should not be tied to each other.

"It is clear to us in the Kremlin that there is an awakening feeling of a political hunt in the Duma opposition," he said.

"But those feelings are hardly appropriate while deciding important problems."

## NATO welcomes Hungary in from the cold

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - NATO is hailing an overwhelming vote earlier this week by Hungarians in favor of joining its ranks, keeping on track its plans to embrace three former Cold War foes.

In July, the 16-member alliance invited Hungary, Poland, and the Czech Republic to join in 1999, coinciding with its 50th anniversary.

In a statement, NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana said he welcomed the positive result, which "demonstrated the broad support among the Hungarian people" for NATO membership.

"We're very pleased indeed," a NATO official said, adding that the referendum result had scotched earlier fears of a low turnout and only weak popular support for NATO. "This shows that NATO membership is supported not only by the political class, the elite, but also by a great majority of Hungarians."

NATO said there had been a particularly strong "yes" vote in southern Hungary, where the US has military bases to support the NATO-led Stabilization Force in Bosnia.

The vote, followed by NATO's receipt on Monday of a letter from

Budapest accepting the accession terms, ended the alliance's enlargement talks. NATO foreign ministers next month will formally sign protocol agreements with the new partners, triggering a year-long ratification process in national parliaments.

"[It] is the kind of result everybody would be very happy with, particularly in the US Senate, which wants to see clear signs of enthusiasm," a NATO official said.

The US has balked at the idea of NATO rushing into enlargement with increased costs for existing members, but Donald Blinken, US ambassador to Hungary, suggested the result would be well received.

"The Senate has to be impressed that more than eight out of 10 Hungarians who expressed opinions favored NATO," he said.

Former presidential candidate Robert Dole, a leading campaigner for NATO enlargement, said 85-90 senators are likely to vote next year to admit the three newcomers. Sixty-seven votes are needed to ratify the enlargement treaty.

Hungary's ambassador to NATO, Andras Simonyi, said the result was a seal of approval for Hungary's

modernization. "The 1956 revolution ended yesterday," he told Reuters Television.

NATO member Germany welcomed the Hungarian vote, saying it showed the trust the alliance had won beyond its old borders.

"The referendum is a clear vote by the Hungarian population for the country's integration into euro-atlantic structures," Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said in a statement.

Hungary's neighbor Romania, which narrowly failed to get onto NATO's short list in the summer, said the huge support for membership is a good sign for its own chances.

"We welcome the unexpectedly good results of the referendum in Hungary," Foreign Ministry spokesman Mihnea Motoc said. "As for Romania, we hope for a favorable decision in 1999... one that meets our aspirations."

Initially a rank outsider for joining NATO in the first wave of enlargement, Romania's newly elected centrist government won last-minute support from many NATO members, only to be cold-shouldered by the US.

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In Neil Simon's bittersweet 'The Prisoner of Second Avenue,' Anne Bancroft looks after her husband, Jack Lemmon, who suffers a nervous breakdown.

## 'Graduate' bombshell Bancroft now gives sexism a good name

By DOUGLAS J. ROWE

Anne Bancroft laughs hysterically when the idea of an all-female military is raised. She likes it so much that she asks that she be quoted as proposing it and says she'll definitely use the line in her next interview.

Seriously, though, like her character in her latest film, she doesn't think women should be in combat, adding: "I don't think even men should be in combat."

Bancroft, who plays a Texas senator instrumental in getting the first woman (Demi Moore) admitted to the Navy SEALs in the Ridley Scott film *G.I. Jane*, says she's been following the military's gender controversies, including whether women should go into combat.

"I think that everyone has got the right of choice — up to a certain point. Then after that they don't. And we all pick and choose what point that is for our own selves," says the 66-year-old Oscar, Tony and Emmy winner.

"For my own self, I just don't think women belong in combat. I don't believe that men do, either. But if a war has to be fought, if nobody else can think of any other way to solve a problem, and some war has to be fought, physically, with guns and — I don't even want to talk about," she says, cutting herself off, sounding so frustrated and disgusted with the prospect.

Good thing the ever elegant, slender actress is willing to talk about plenty of other things, beginning with professing a taste for single-malt scotch: the dearth (real or imagined) of good roles for women, the pluses and minuses of her most memorable role, Mrs. Robinson in *The Graduate*, and her 33-year marriage to Mel Brooks.

For someone who's made almost 60 films, availability of roles wouldn't seem to be a problem. Bancroft won the Academy Award in 1963 playing Annie Sullivan in "The Miracle Worker," a part for which she also won the 1960 Tony. She received Oscar nominations for her performances in *The Pumpkin Eater* (1964), *The Graduate* (1967), *The Turning Point* (1977) and *Agnes of God* (1985). She also played highly memorable roles in *The Prisoner of Second Avenue* (1975), and *84 Charing Cross Road* (1987).

Bancroft concedes there may be a lack of

leading roles for women, but she can find even small roles satisfying. The example she gives: Her part in the 1993 movie *Malice*, which amounted to a one- or two-day shoot.

"So there are always good parts. They may not pay what you want, and they may not have as many days' work as you want, they may not have the billing that you want, they may not have a lot of things, but [when it comes to] the content of the role itself, I find there are many roles."

But when it comes to big-money leading roles, she says, there aren't that many available for women. "If there are, let's say, 20 astronauts, there may be two women among those 20 astronauts. If there are 20 FBI guys, there's one woman and the rest are men," she says.

"So when somebody writes a script about life, usually the leading role will be the man, because mostly what women do is at home taking care of the children."

"That's the most important job there is on Earth. And why shouldn't women have it, since they are the better of the two sexes," she says, laughing.

She says she's gotten flak for that opinion,

but anyone who thinks she's saying something derogatory or demeaning is mistaken.

While some critics and fans have seen her characters as being typically daring and feisty, Bancroft doesn't. She thinks they're usually desperate or angry people.

Annie Sullivan had no choice but to take that position as Helen Keller's teacher, Bancroft maintains, noting that Sullivan was half-blind herself and her job opportunities were limited.

"She couldn't see dust, so she couldn't be a maid," she says. "Her eyes grew tired so she couldn't be a secretary or whatever they were allowing women to be in those days. Desperate, lonely, longing — that's how I thought of her."

Similarly, her latest character is put against the wall when she's threatened with closings of military bases in her state; Emma Jacklin in *The Turning Point* was someone disappointed with her personal life despite her renown as a dancer; and even Mrs. Robinson feels great rage for getting married young and not testing her own artistic abilities — so her affair with a younger man "comes out of enormous self-hatred," Bancroft says.

(AP)

## A soprano's 'sacrifice' Poulenc: 'Monk & playboy'

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Sharon Rostorf admits that she would rather stay home these days.

The eight-month pregnant soprano says "It's very difficult to sing when you are in the last months of pregnancy. The physical demands are tough, and I would really prefer to remain at home and bake cookies." However, she still has two more concerts this month before she takes a leave of absence to give birth to her second child, a sibling to 14-month-old Or-El. But the pregnancy did not prevent her from giving a captivating performance as the maid Serpina in the Pergolesi chamber *La serva padrona*, with the Israeli Sinfonietta Beersheba earlier this month.

How will Rostorf be able to maintain her international operatic and concert career with two young children at home? "I must admit that the situation with nannies is somewhat frightening these days, but it will all work out — it must. I have no intention of giving up either family or career. I know life will take care of itself and everything will be fine."

Rostorf says that being a mother "changed my attitude toward life entirely. I feel much more human, and I love this so-called 'sacrifice.' Now when I sing, I enjoy it even more than before."

Rostorf claims that living in Israel can be much more detrimental to her career than having children. "We decided that this is the only place where we want to raise our children; this is the best place for education. And I admit that this is the biggest sacrifice I have made for my career. But we will see how it works out. I have no fears at all."

While many singers' voices have changed considerably after giving birth, Rostorf says, "There was no real dramatic change in my voice. But I sing different types of roles now. I feel more comfortable



Sharon Rostorf says that being a mother makes her enjoy singing more than ever.

with the more lyric roles these days, and I gave up singing those which call for high coloratura."

Born into a Polish-Spanish heritage in Kfar Vitkin, Rostorf was "a sensitive child. In the moshav society there was not much understanding for what I was doing." These days, the soprano, who graces opera stages all over the world, has made her home not far from the Sharon moshav where she was born. And she does not need to justify her singing any longer. Everyone around her accepts her for what she is — a singer who is first and foremost a wife and a mother.

"I want to say to any young singer who hesitates that she should not even think twice about having a family. A career is a very cruel thing. I cannot imagine reaching 50 and being all alone without a family. No career could ever compensate for not having children."

Sharon Rostorf performs songs by Meyerbeer, Jacobs and Spohr at the Tel Aviv Museum on Saturday. She sings the Pergolesi *Stabat Mater* in Abu Ghosh next Saturday.

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963) was one of the most ambiguous and versatile composers of the first half of the 20th century. On the one hand he was a very religious man and composer; on the other, his music is full of humor, wit and chic or, to quote a contemporary, Poulenc was "at once monk and playboy." In 1935 Poulenc's friend, Pierre-Octave Ferroud, was killed in a car accident; at the same time, the composer visited the simple chapel of St. Amador.

As a result, Poulenc rediscovered his Catholic faith and composed a large number of sacred works. That year, Poulenc gave his first recital, accompanying baritone Pierre Bernac on the piano, for whom he would later compose many songs and song cycles.

Poulenc wrote three operas, quite diverse one from the other, yet sharing his unique style and individual musical sincerity. And all are available on first-rate recordings.

*Les mamelles de Tiresias* (The Breasts of Tiresias) is a wild comedy described as an opera buffa yet, at the same time, a rather serious work calling for the need for more French babies (EMI 5 65565 2, with the exceptional Denise Duval in the lead). *Les Dialogues des Carmélites*, one of the best operas of the 20th century, is a poignant tale of French nuns during the French Revolution, a story of heroism and pure devotion (Kent Nagano conducting a mesmerizing performance. Virgin 59227-2).

His final opera, the one-woman monodrama *Voix humaine*, is a much more concise approach to the power of the individual to face all trials and tribulations, a work which the composer himself added "should be bathed in the greatest orchestral sensuality." (Again, Duval is superb. EMI CDM 7 69696 2).

There are several recordings of

the other works of Poulenc available on disc.

As a matter of fact, EMI has a set of various double disc albums which cover almost the entire spectrum of the French composer's output. Poulenc's music encapsulates all styles and genres and results in some of the more beguiling works ever written — even if not many are that well known to the average music-lover.

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works, including a magical reading of the violin sonata with Yehudi Menuhin and Jacques Février, as well as a first-rate rendition of the passionate trio for piano, oboe, and bassoon.

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These recordings from the mid-70s are captivating, even if at times listening to one hour of short songs can be rather tedious.

The sacred Poulenc is quite different from the secular one. These works clearly show a 20th-century composer at his complex best, a

composer trying to come to terms with the familiar liturgical texts in his own special way. The mass in G might not be that familiar, but it is one of Poulenc's most encompassing works, performed to perfection by the Westminster Cathedral Choir, with James O'Donnell conducting (Hyperion CDA 66664). The CD features several other religious works as well.

Poulenc composed several concerti for keyboard instruments, most of which were commissioned by the Princesse Edmond de Polignac, a true patron of the arts in general and music in particular.

Aside from the piano concerto, there are three earlier concerti — one for two pianos (1932), the concerto for organ, strings and timpani (1938), and the charming concerto champêtre for harpsichord and orchestra (1927-28). Each is a very individual work yet all share in a quite ingenious way Poulenc's love for the overall orchestral sounds on the one hand and the contrasting virtuosity and swiftness of the solo instrument on the other.

These concerti can be heard on the successful Poulenc disc currently on the market, the Double Decca one (448 270-2) two discs for the price of one featuring the four keyboard concerti, the Gloria, the piano sextet, and the sonata for two pianos, all in superb performances.

Pascal Roge is thrilling in the piano concerto, while Israeli duo pianists Bracha Eden and Alexander Tamir, under the baton of Sergiu Comissiona, are as powerful and commanding in the concerto for two pianos as they are in the sonata for two pianos.

Israeli soprano Sylvia Greenberg is the perfect soloist in the Gloria, and Roge is magical in the piano sextet as well. If you want only one Poulenc disc, this is the one.

## NEWS

of the muse

### Sex on the Tel Aviv stage

*Shopping and Fucking*, Mark Ravenhill's first play, sent shock waves through audiences when it premiered last year at London's Royal Court Theater, but it went on to become a West End hit. Next month (December 17-22) the British Council is bringing the play to ZOA House in Tel Aviv. It centers around four rootless, jobless flatmates for whom everything has been reduced to a transaction. It contains vile language, profanity and explicit onstage simulated sex, so much so that one reviewer, Charles Spencer of the *Daily Telegraph*, "wished that I could get up and leave, like my seatmate," but he didn't because the play is "a revolting but persuasive portrait of our times," and because "Ravenhill's old-fashioned moral theme is that money — and the lack of it — is at the root of all evil, and that relationships have become... exercises in acquisition and control."

*Evening Standard* critic Nicholas de Jongh called it "a blackly humorous play for today's twentysomethings."

The *Out of Joint* Theater production is directed by Max Stafford Clark. Another Stafford Clark production, Caryl Churchill's *Blue Heart* will play at the 1998 Israel Festival.

Helen Kaye

### Double bill at the opera

The one-act operas *The Emperor from Atlantis* by Viktor Ullmann, and the Brecht-Weill collaboration, *The Seven Deadly Sins*, owe their existence to the Nazis. Ullmann, gassed at Auschwitz in 1944, wrote the music in 1942 when he was in Theresienstadt. The words are by Czech poet Peter Kien, also an inmate.

It's the story of an all-powerful tyrant who is thwarted in his intention to wage the ultimate war by Death, who goes on strike. The opera even went into rehearsal, but the SS forbade its performance, and a few weeks later Ullmann was shipped to Auschwitz.

The cabaret-style *The Seven Deadly Sins* was written in Paris in 1933, after Bertold Brecht, a card-carrying Communist, and the Jewish composer Kurt Weill had fled Hitler's Germany. The opera is a condemnation of "the American Dream" — not very gracious to the country that took Brecht in — and was written originally as a ballet with singers. Here it stars soprano Anya Silja, a world-celebrated Wagnerian soprano. The double bill is the next New Israeli Opera production, which opens at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center December 6.

Helen Kaye

### Prize for Yiddishpiel

Yiddishpiel, the Israel Yiddish Theater, received the Itzik Manger Prize for its productions of Manger's *Humeshteder* and *Die Magille* in a ceremony at ZOA house this week. Manger (1901-69) was a Romanian-born Yiddish poet and author. He immigrated here in 1967 and died two years later.

Helen Kaye

### David Shallon, 'Prince of Luxembourg'

David Shallon, music director of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra-IBA has been appointed principal conductor of the Luxembourg Philharmonic Orchestra, as of this season. He opened his concerts in Luxembourg with Mahler's monumental third symphony, the work with which he opened the season in Jerusalem to great acclaim.

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## Grand gestures

It took Egyptian president Anwar Sadat 28 minutes to fly from a base by the Suez Canal to Tel Aviv's Ben-Gurion Airport, 20 years ago today.

Yet with that short flight, followed by a prayer in Jerusalem's Al-Aksa mosque, and a speech in the Knesset, Sadat transformed the Arab-Israeli conflict forever.

Sadat himself succinctly captured the enormity of his own gesture, saying to Israelis, "We used to reject you, true. We refused to meet you anywhere, true. We referred to you as the 'so-called Israel,' true. At international conferences our representatives refused to exchange greetings with you, true. ... Yet today we agree to live with you in permanent peace and justice. Israel has become an accomplished fact recognized by the whole world and the superpowers. We welcome you to live among us in peace and security."

Israelis, hardly believing their eyes, lined the streets of Jerusalem to welcome Sadat. For the first time, the peace that Israel had never known and always yearned for seemed within reach. Egyptians welcomed Sadat home with cries of joy, as if he were a general returning from a victorious conquest. Jordan's King Hussein's silence was taken as tacit support. But the Palestinians denounced Sadat as a traitor, as did the more radical Arab states. Sadat broke off relations with Syria, Libya, Algeria, Iraq, and South Yemen, calling them "dwarfs" for opposing his initiative.

Sadat was accused of abandoning the Palestinians by forging a separate peace with Israel. In reality, the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty negotiated by Menachem Begin at Camp David contained within it the seeds of the Oslo Accords. It was at Camp David that Israel agreed to grant autonomy to the Palestinians for an interim period, after which a full peace treaty would be negotiated with a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation.

On its face, the historic handshake on the White House lawn in 1993 between Yasser Arafat and Yitzhak Rabin, might have been expected to have the dramatic impact of Sadat's visit to Jerusalem. In some respects that handshake was even more momentous, because taboos of non-recognition were being broken in both directions. While Israel's recognition of Egypt was never a question, Israel had never formally recognized the Palestinians as a separate people with independent political rights.

Sadat's gesture had more impact because it was so unequivocal and because its aim was

clearer: total Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai in exchange for full peace. In essence, Sadat's visit transformed the dispute from an existential conflict to a border dispute.

In the Palestinian case, the taboos of recognition have been broken, but with greater ambiguity. Whereas Sadat declared clearly, "No more war, no more bloodshed," Arafat intersperses talk of peace with the language of the armed struggle. The Palestinian Covenant, which calls for Israel's destruction has been "nullified," but not amended. Palestinian Legislative Council Speaker Ahmed Qurei just declared that the "right of return" is a "basic question, without which the conflict will continue and the Palestinian problem will remain without a solution." He also stated that "We will not accept any settler or any settlement on our lands."

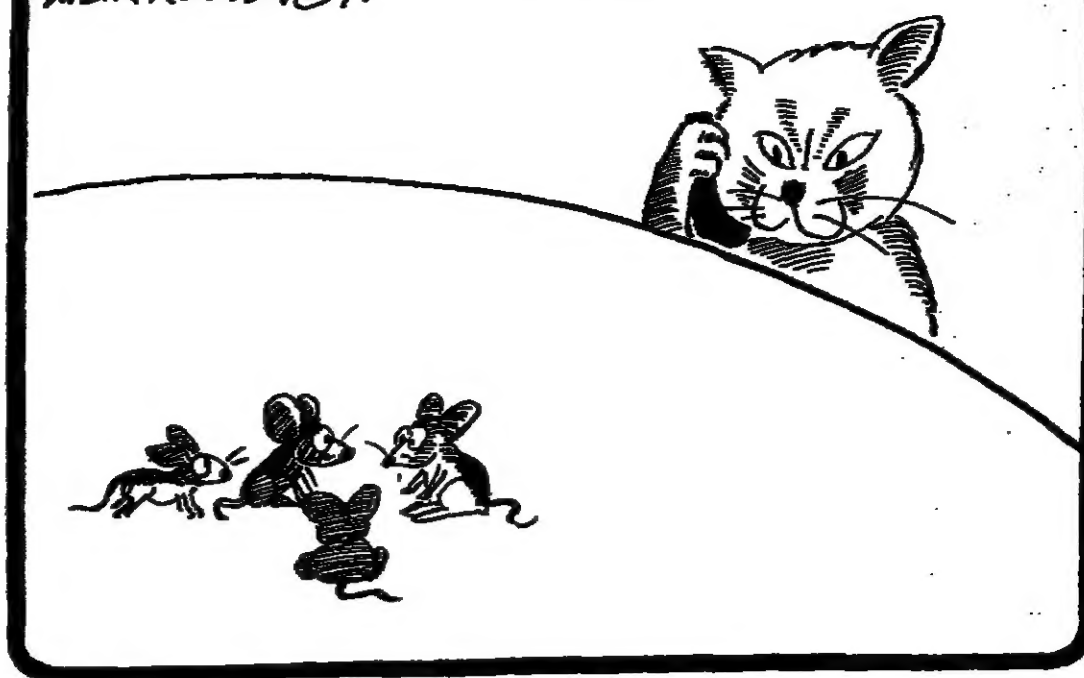
As during the Gulf War, some Palestinians are cheering on Saddam Hussein, and even calling for attacks against Israel. The editor of the Palestinian newspaper *Al-Hayat al-Jadida* wrote regarding the current crisis, "History does not remember the United States, but it remembers Iraq, the cradle of civilization, and Palestine, the cradle of religions... On the other hand, the murderers of humanity, the creators of the barbaric culture, and the blood-suckers of nations, are doomed to death and destined to shrink to a microscopic size, like Micronesia."

Sadat was very much aware that he must break a psychological barrier of mistrust, built over many years, before Israel would be able to make the concessions necessary for peace. The Palestinian are demanding much greater concessions, but seem not to understand that they must convince Israelis that lasting peace will be the result. Even if the Palestinians moderate their demands, what is being asked of Israel is not to return a large stretch of barren territory to a neighboring country, but to accept the creation of new, possibly hostile country protruding into Israel's midsection.

It could be argued that it is unreasonable to expect great gestures from the Palestinians to reassure Israelis, when Israel refrains from saying how far it will go to achieve peace. The conflict, it seems, is too raw and personal. The negotiation ahead too critical, and the stakes are too high for either side to engage in grand gestures. And yet, as Sadat understood and Arafat and Netanyahu should realize, it is precisely such gestures, spontaneous or negotiated, that may be necessary to bring the peace process to a successful conclusion.

When the cat's away, the mice will play...

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## The first brave step

EZER WEIZMAN

There are greater historians than I who believe that there are large currents in history and that it is just a matter of time until they occur. But originality of leadership is called for — on the part of one leader or more — to ride these historical waves in order to realize them.

Twenty years ago today such a moment happened with the visit to Israel of Egyptian president Anwar Sadat.

In 1977, there were three strong leaders who headed the elements influencing the flow of history in our region. Prime minister Menachem Begin and president Sadat, may their souls rest in peace, and president Jimmy Carter.

Let me try and explain the background that led to the peace talks. From my many meetings with Sadat I came to realize that at the beginning of the Seventies he wanted to escape from Soviet influence and replace it with ties to America.

A second point was Sadat's desire to break the political ice. This was in fact one of his aims when he went to war in 1973. He had no intention of conquering Israel, but he certainly had the intention of inflicting a painful blow on us — and he did. I imagine that afterwards he said to himself, "Now I am ready to talk with the Israelis," and this he did.

To these points should be added, of course, the economic-demographic situation of Egypt, of which Sadat was always aware. He looked for ways to change it on his foundations.

On the other side was Menachem Begin. The year 1977 was the first time since the establishment of the State of Israel that a man of the Right was elected to its leadership. A large part of the public was convinced that if a person such as he were to come to power he would take us back to the cycle of war. I do not examine innermost thoughts but I guess that, apart from his burning desire for peace — and that is the complete truth — Begin also wanted to prove that he, of all people, an out-and-out right-winger, would be the one to bring peace.

And so he agreed to welcome Sadat in Jerusalem.

In the beginning, the meetings between Israel and Egypt were good and moving. But already on his historic visit to Jerusalem, Sadat gave a speech that was very difficult

**The greatness of leaders is measured in their ability to understand historical currents. And that was the greatness of Sadat, Begin and Carter**

for us Israelis to digest. About a month later, we set off for Amman, Jordan, then-foreign minister Moshe Dayan, and myself, the defense minister, as well as our aides and advisors. There we found a president facing a prime minister, ministers facing ministers, one group facing the other, and waging down to cope with the serious problems.

There were grises. Moods of disappointment began to sweep through the Israeli public which had put so much hope on the negotiations. And then Carter moved — it might have been a one-time act that would not be repeatable — and invited us to Camp David, with the explicit request that no one leave the place until an agreement was reached.

BY then it was already clear to us that Sadat was vehemently insisting on the return of Sinai. The hope that we might be able to retain something was quickly shelved.

It was clear to us that Sadat's intention was not just a bilateral agreement between Israel and Egypt but an agreement in which the Palestinian issue would be included. Something should be mentioned

here that people tend to forget: The Camp David Agreement was a framework agreement for peace between Israel and Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and the Palestinians. Matters such as the removal of settlements featured in it. Before we set out, Begin summarized at a cabinet meeting the subject of the autonomy that was to be offered to the Palestinians.

After 12 difficult and tense days at Camp David, the agreement was signed. In principle, it determined a return to international borders, a return of the Israeli settlers to Israel (it did not refer to the removal of settlements but to a return of the people) and, of course, diplomatic relations and normalization between the countries.

There are those who will say that we should have stood firm on the issue of settlements, not given in, not conceded and not moved. I don't think so. The greatness of leaders is measured in their ability to shake free of slogans, of their standing orders, of opinions that have been left behind, and to understand the historical currents. And that was the greatness of Anwar Sadat together with Menachem Begin and Jimmy Carter, as witnessed at Camp David.

President Sadat's first brave step for peace meant that he was unpopular in the Arab world but, with time, the recognition grew amongst some of the Arabs of the merit of joining this path. There are currently four partners in the process — Israel, Egypt, Jordan and the Palestinians — and they are so deeply involved in the process that they would really have to be insane to pull out of it.

I hope that the currents of history are stronger than anything else and that they will overcome the crises and we will succeed in achieving arrangements that will ensure us and our children of a secure and true peace in the Middle East.

*This article is based on the First Anwar Sadat Lecture, delivered by President Weizman last month at the University of Maryland.*

## Lessons of peace

DAVID KIMCHE

If the Egyptians, or anyone else for that matter, do not want to have normal relations with us, we need not go begging for such relations. It is their loss as much as ours, and we are as proud a people as they are.

We have, in the past 20 years, managed quite well without massive trade with Egypt, without Egyptian tourists flocking to our cities and beaches.

In time that will come, too. Let it wait till we have peace with all our neighbors, but let us not stop for one minute the dialogue for peace, for peace will serve the interest of all of us, Egyptians and Israelis, Palestinians, Jordanians, Syrians and Lebanese.

Twenty years ago Anwar Sadat pointed the way to peace. His challenge was taken up with enthusiasm by Menachem Begin and by the people of Israel, who were willing to make sacrifices for the sake of peace with Egypt.

I happened to be in prime minister Begin's office, together with Phillip Habib and the US ambassador, when a messenger came to inform Begin that there was fighting between soldiers and settlers in Yamit and that the settlers were being forcibly evicted. For a long moment there was utter silence in the room, and then Begin began to cry. For him the burden of that decision to use force against the Yamit inhabitants was unbearable, but he did not falter. He knew it was part of the price for peace.

Today both Egyptians and Israelis have many lessons to learn from those eventful days of 20 years ago. Let us hope they be learnt before it is too late.

*The writer is a former director-general of the Foreign Ministry and chairman of the Israel Council of Foreign Relations.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### THE PM OWED AN APOLOGY

Sir, — In recent years, the editorials that have appeared daily in *The Jerusalem Post* have been generally based on fact. The paper has always been able to rise above the rest of the Israeli print media and has not gotten swept away with much of the innuendo, bias and rumor that often appear as fact in other publications.

In your editorial "Reconciliation is good politics" (November 14), you deviated from this standard. You stated that Prime Minister Netanyahu "has what to answer for in his behavior" before the assassination.

I personally witnessed on two separate occasions, at rallies in Netanyahu and in Dizengoff Square, Netanyahu admonishing those who were shouting "Rabin bogged" (Rabin is a traitor). He told demonstrators that this "is not the way."

Given this and the recent revelations about Avishai Rabin and how he apparently acted at the behest of the GSS under the orders of the previous government to delegitimize the Right through provocative acts, I believe that the *Post* owes the prime minister an apology.

ALAN FREISHTAT

Jerusalem.

### FAITHFUL SERVANT

Sir, — You headline the call by Science Minister Michael Eitan to "dump" Avigdor Lieberman (November 16), because "he has made a laughingstock of the Likud."

You report that "top Likud politicians decided...to concentrate their fire on Lieberman instead of going openly after the prime minister." You also note that the prime minister "intends to inquire into Lieberman's role at the convention."

What a sorry travesty! After all, Lieberman is Netanyahu's faithful servant. Is it even faintly possible, given all the publicity, that he acted without the prime minister's knowledge and consent?

There are only two possible con-

clusions. First, Netanyahu acted with complete duplicity, is guilty of moral turpitude and has forfeited all right to the nation's and his party's trust.

Second, he planned the strategy but, dismayed by the reactions of his own cabinet, tried to back out of the deal, only to discover that he had lost all control over his own cohorts.

If so, he has again demonstrated his immaturity and incompetence and has forfeited all right to our trust. If there is another logical option, can somebody please tell us what it is?

AMIEL SCHOTZ

Beersheba.

### BIBLICAL CRITICISM

Sir, — Dr. Menahem Klein, in his description of Bar-Ilan University (November 12), tells us an amazing thing. The Bible is of course supposed to be the whole base and foundation of the Jewish religion. But at Bar-Ilan, our large Orthodox university, they do not have any courses in Bible. The reason is that they don't want to face the element of "biblical criticism."

Biblical criticism is of course the name of the historical study of the various sources that went into the composition of the Bible. The

official Orthodox view is that the first part of the Bible, the Torah, was all written by Moses, and that God dictated to him directly all the things which are attributed to God. The Conservative and Reform institutions of learning are not afraid to study the various sources of the Bible.

What a sad commentary on our Israeli "authorized" religion.

DAVID LERNER

Tel Aviv.

## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On November 19, 1937, *The Palestine Post* reported that night curfew was in force in Jerusalem for the ninth successive night. Searches were carried out and many arrests were made.

Sections of the Jerusalem-Jericho road and of the Dead Sea road were inundated by a torrential rainfall. In some parts the streams were two meters deep.

50 years ago: On November 19, 1947, *The Palestine Post* reported from Lake Success that the Sub-Committee of the Ad-

Hoc Committee on Palestine was still studying the question of Jerusalem, but it was generally agreed that the city should be internationalized. The *Post* had also reported in great detail on the proposed future States' boundaries.

In Jerusalem shots heard from the direction of Mamilla Road set off a brief but sharp barrage. The curfew continued while Talbieh and other areas were plunged into darkness as bullets severed electric cables.

25 years ago: On November

19, 1972, *The Palestine Post* reported that Egyptian jets were sent to Syria. The Soviet Union began a new airlift of arms to Damascus.

Tens of millions of pounds could be saved annually by Dan Municipalities if there were some sort of confederation between the area's cities. Tel Aviv Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz told the members of the Knesset Interior Committee. He added that life in Tel Aviv would become unbearable if planning for a subway was not begun immediately.

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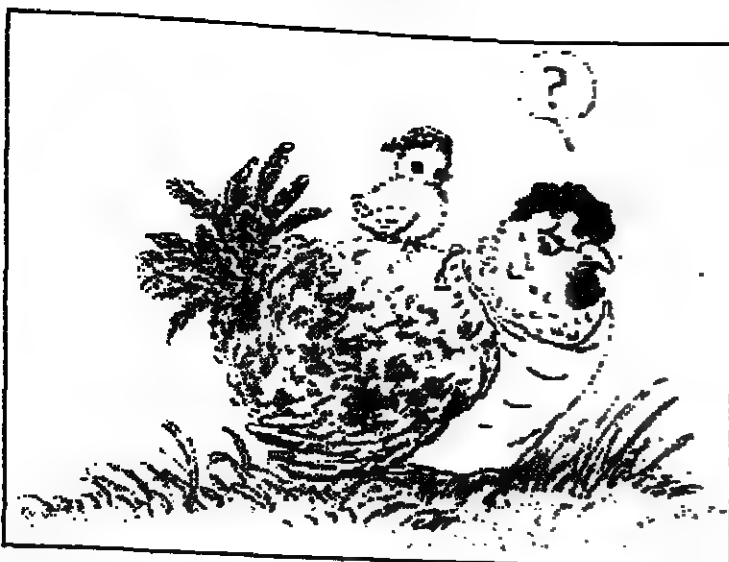


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'What Came First, The Chicken or the Egg?'

## Gabi Gazit's chicken



By RUTHIE BLUM

**MA KODEM YATZA, TARNEGOL-LET O BEITZA?** ("What Came First, The Chicken or the Egg?") by Gabi Gazit. Illustrated by Hilla Havkin. Published by Keter, 1997. Pages not numbered (approx. 16). Price not stated. Target age: 3-6.

Even young children are not immune to the attraction of celebrities. And anyone who has children familiar with TV and radio star Gabi Gazit, who wrote this book, is bound to take a second look when seeing the book on shop shelves.

This is not to say that the content is of no interest. On the contrary. It has all the elements crucial to arousing the interest of young listeners (and beginning readers): a crew of animals, portrayed in both story and illustration with humor



'The Morning Dad Was Arrested.'

and charm; a simple, yet educational story line; and food for a little developmental thought.

But after a second reading, one is left wondering whether the book would rank among children's books which "catch on" had it been written by an unknown author. Nevertheless, it is certainly a worthwhile read.

The story is about a hen in a barnyard who decides one day, during her morning egg-laying session, that it would be nice, for a change, not to give up her egg to the farmer for his breakfast, and instead sit on it until it hatches and becomes a "cute" chick.

This she does with the assistance of the farmer's little boy, Gal, whose chore it is to gather the eggs. While sitting on her egg to keep it safe and warm, Koka the hen begins to ponder the question of "which came first, the chicken or the egg?" Stumped by her own musings, Koka poses the question to the other animals. None seems to have an answer.

A party is held in the barnyard for the new chick, whom Koka names Noah, which all of the animals attend.

Finally, Koka asks Gal if he knows the answer to the question. The boy, too, is at a loss for the solution to the riddle, and promises to ask his father, his mother and his kindergarten teacher, and to look it up on his father's computer. Koka is elated.

But when Gal returns, this time with his father, to provide Koka with his answer, she is left somewhat disappointed, albeit grateful for everyone's effort on her behalf. "Look, Koka," Gal's father explains to her, "Your question is really a good one, but it is not clear whether it has an answer. There are all kinds of questions which both children and adults ask, not just hens. It is important to ask, but there is not always an answer."

**HABOKER BO ASRU ET ABBA** ("The Morning Dad Was Arrested") by Amela Einat. Illustrated by David Kedem. Hakibbutz Hameuhad Publishing House, Ltd., 1997. NIS 39.90. 123 pages. Target age: 10-13.

The day which would change the rest of 10-year-old Rami's life was the day his beloved father was hit by a car while riding a bicycle. The accident caused permanent damage to his leg, leaving him unable to continue as work manager in a factory. Bored and depressed, Rami's father became perfect prey for a group of seedy drug dealers.

The book begins with Rami's father's arrest. From that moment on, Rami's home is no longer the warm haven it had always been. And going to school becomes a nightmare.

After Rami's father is sent to prison for drug-dealing and theft, Rami's mother sinks into a deep depression, which eventually lands her in the hospital.

In addition to being haunted by his father's criminal cohorts and being teased in school, Rami becomes so neglected at home that he is sent into foster care on a moshav. To add to his misery, once he finally develops a relationship with his temporary "parents," his foster mother gets cancer. When she dies, her husband is so devastated that he can no longer care for Rami.

Rami's father, by now, has found religion in prison. His mentor takes Rami to a yeshiva. Here, too, Rami is out of place.

Finally, Rami's social worker—who has become like a big brother to him—helps the boy run away from the yeshiva, and brings him to a kibbutz. It is here that Rami begins to find a niche for himself, with the aid of the horses to which he becomes extremely attached.

Though extremely trying along the way, this book sends an optimistic message in the end: tragedy may strike, but hope never dies. This is an excellent read not only for pre-adolescents who have experienced or who are currently undergoing genuine hardship, but for any youngsters who feel let down by their parents. Rami's parents are not portrayed as villains, but rather as human beings with human failings, prone to weakness which at times gets the better of them.

Some of us might have forgotten that today marks 20 years since the historic visit of Egyptian president Anwar Sadat to Jerusalem, that paved the way to peace between Egypt and Israel.

But not Mike and Shoshana Gordon of Jerusalem. They have a living reminder of the euphoric day in 1977: their daughter Shlomit, who celebrated her 20th birthday yesterday. Her name—the feminine equivalent of the word "shalom," meaning peace—was chosen the day that Sadat arrived, the day after her birth, when the hope for peace burned especially brightly.

"As I was growing up, I heard the family stories about how my parents watched the events on the hospital television all through the day and then decided to name me Shlomit," says Gordon. "In school, friends would say that they were named

after this person or that relative. I rather liked the idea that I was named after peace. It was interesting. It was different."

Shlomit's father Mike says that Sadat coming the day after the birth of his first daughter, his second child, "felt like one miracle coming after another." Twenty years after being inspired to name his daughter for peace, Gordon doesn't regret the decision.

"When you think about it, it was rather risky to name your daughter Shlomit the day that Sadat came to Jerusalem. At the time, people warned that this was a one-man show, that after Sadat, Israeli-Egyptian relations would return to the way they were."

"Well, the peace treaty held up, and we did better than people expected. Hope won out over the skepticism. On balance, it's done



Shlomit Gordon: 'My parents watched the events on the hospital television all day ... and decided to name me Shlomit.' (Brian Hendler)



Thirteen years after Sadat's visit, Eliezer Hollander (left) and Moshe Zornberg (right) marked their bar mitzva in 1990 by meeting Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny.

pretty well. "Tourism and trade are secondary—true, they haven't panned out as we would have liked, but I am confident that they will," he says.

**OTHER PARENTS** who bore children 20 years ago today may not have memorialized the Sadat visit when they named their babies, but the two events remain inextricably linked in their memories.

Yehudit Hollander, another Jerusalemite, gave birth to her son Eliezer on November 19, 1977. Aviva Zornberg, whose she befriended in Lamaze childbirth class, gave birth to her son Moshe on the same day.

"It was rather difficult for our husbands to get to and from the hospital that day, as so many roads in Jerusalem were closed. Everyone in the entire hospital was just glued to the television set. Nobody could believe what was happening," Hollander recalls. "Whenever a boy is born in Israel, your fervent hope is that he won't have to serve in the army. When Eliezer was born, that seemed like a real possibility."

Aviva's husband, Eric adds, "It was a very special, euphoric time. Everyone was full of optimism for the future, a hope for a future of peace."

The two families have stayed close, and celebrate the boys' birthdays together each year. When it came time for their bar mitzvas seven years ago, Eric sent a letter to the Egyptian Embassy telling them of the event.

As a result, Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny invited the two families to the embassy for a visit, and they came, bearing gifts for the anniversary of the Sadat visit.

"We spent 45 minutes with Bassiouny; he talked about his history as an officer in the Egyptian army, he was very personable and warm," recalls Eric. "The meeting was at a time when peace was extremely cold—when [Yitzhak] Shamir was prime minister."

**"In school, friends would say that they were named after this person or that relative," says 20-year-old Shlomit Gordon. "I rather liked the idea that I was named after peace."**

Bassiouny said to the boys they shouldn't lose hope for peace; that he never believed he could be sitting in Israel as ambassador.

Moshe Zornberg is not celebrating his 20th birthday with his parents in Jerusalem, but in a tank somewhere

on the Syrian border. Eliezer Hollander is in a yeshiva in Nahariya, and will enter the army in March.

**ERIC ZORNBERG** says that after such a promising beginning, the relations with Egypt that ensued after the signing of the Camp David accords have been a letdown.

"Peace with Egypt has been a big disappointment for me. I see how the Egyptians could justify having a cold peace with Shamir, but once Rabin and Peres came in, nothing really changed," he says.

And what are the politics of the girl named for that peace? Shlomit Gordon says that the event that inspired her name was "a terrific step, and even though the situation between Israel and Egypt could be improved, I am very glad it happened."

Shlomit, who recently completed her army service and is living with her parents and working for Bezeq, saving for her post-army travels, identifies with the peace camp, "though I think that attributing that fact to how I was named is a little overdramatic."

Her father notes, however, that her eldest child, Yehoshua, who bears the name of the famous conqueror in the Bible, has the most rightist, nationalist sentiments in the family, while their third child, Noam, whose name means pleasantness, "is somewhere in the middle" and Shlomit, named for peace, is the furthest to the left.

So, he concluded, "maybe their names did have an effect on them."

## Never take sides in a sibling war

lelamed zchut, to give the benefits of the doubt, but they consistently assume each other's intentions are bad. How can I effectively help my teenage siblings to get along with each other?



By RUTH MASON

**H**ow do you communicate with teenagers who keep seeing each other in a bad light? Two of my children, aged 17 and 19, attack each other verbally every day. There is lots of blame and negativity, and it rips me apart. I try to teach them the mitzva of

have to work out themselves. At their age, it's time for them to take responsibility for their actions. But while you can't create facts, you can create an atmosphere.

First and foremost, don't compare them. And don't praise one in front of the other hoping you will elicit better behavior. If you set a tone for accepting each one for who they are and there is a tacit respect for each of the kids, then you will be modeling a behavior you want them to emulate. You can also try giving them a role in which they each feel, separately and together, that they have something important to contribute to the family. For example, you can ask them to prepare for Shabbat together because you won't be around that day.

And then make yourself scarce! Your situation strikes me as a metaphor for today's political situation.

What you want to do is create a climate for cooperation and communication between your children. You can try having a discussion in advance, saying this situation is coming up very often and maybe we can find a way to resolve the problem. But find out from them first if the situation bothers them. If it does bother them, you can help by encouraging them to communicate about what's happening, making your role minimal. Don't give *mussar* (a lecture on ethics). Let them know you respect each of them enough to know they can modify this behavior. If the behavior doesn't really bother them, they may be getting something out of the fact that it bothers you. Ask yourself: What is their relationship like when you are not around?

If they get along better when you're not around, then they could

be bickering for your benefit. They need to get you involved either because they want your attention or because they are jealous of each other.

If that is the case, you can remove yourself from the situation when it happens. In general, I think you need to pull yourself out of the situation a bit. If you can't stand the arguments, leave the room, go out for a walk, visit a neighbor. You may not be able to control their behavior, but you can control the impact it has on you. And then they have nothing to gain by continuing to bicker.

This takes a tremendous amount of strength, but it's worth it.

Parenting columnist's note: I recommend *Siblings Without Rivalry* by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish (Norton, 1987), which will be discussed in a future column.

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**THE JERUSALEM POST**

**Israel - from every point of view**



## Corner



By Batsheva Mink  
and David Brauner

It hardly seems possible that one of our most common garden flowers once fetched the equivalent of \$150,000 for a single bulb. Today, that same bulb can be bought for as little as NIS 1.50.

If a tulip grows in your garden, you are looking at a plant by which huge fortunes were made and lost, a flower that nearly sank the economy of a nation. Hard to imagine. But to explain the famous "Tulipomania" we have to start at the beginning.

Tulips first arrived in Europe around 1551, when the Viennese ambassador to Turkey, Ogier de Besbeque, sent both seeds and bulbs back from Constantinople to Emperor Ferdinand I. In 1554 the German botanist Conrad Gesner described the tulips he saw in the garden of Johann Harwart of Augsburg in Bavaria. Twenty years later the tulip reached England. The common tulip (*Tulipa gesneriana*, named after Gesner), which was not the original strain but also a native of Asia Minor, was introduced to Europe in 1577. It is now found throughout southern Europe in its wild state.

In the 16th century the common tulip's sweetly scented scarlet flowers quickly increased in popularity, capturing the imaginations of artists and florists alike. In addition to its fragrance, an important quality for any flower, tulip blossoms were amazingly striped and streaked. The streaking was the result of a virus which caused single colors to form stripes. These "broken" types could only be propagated from seed, and so the bulbs began to command high prices.

By the beginning of the 17th century, unprecedented prices were being paid. The boom peaked in Holland from 1634-37. During the tulip craze, bulbs were sold while still in the ground and resold by speculators for ever-increasing prices. One rare bulb fetched a price of 13,000 florins (\$150,000 in today's money) before the boom crashed.

Since then, the demand for tulips has never waned. The 1796 catalog of one London nurseryman contained no fewer than 700 varieties. And another Englishman, Hogg, writing in 1823, commented that "a moderate collection of choice tulips could not be purchased for a sum less than 1,000 pounds sterling!" Today, thankfully, tulips are



# Tulip mania

mass-produced and reasonably priced. But despite their wide availability on the modern market, tulips are no less a treasure in the garden and the vase.

Tulips are hardy, spring-flowering, bulbous perennials belonging to the lily family (*Liliaceae*). The word "tulip" is a corruption of *tulband*, the Turkish word for turban, which the open flowers resemble in shape and color.

*Tulipa* is a genus of about 100 species growing in the wild. Almost every known species of tulip in nature is found in the countries bordering the Black Sea, along the Mediterranean shores and in Iran. The species hailing from Romania, Bulgaria and Russia around the Sea of Azov as well as from the Caucasus and Turkey are the most highly scented. These fragrant tulips include *T. suaveolens*, the sire of the scented, scarlet single tulip.

Israel hosts five wild species: *Tzivoni hahevron* (*T. lownei*) found on Mt. Hermon; *Tzivoni sagani* (*T. polychroma*) found in the Negev mountains, the Ramon crater and Edom mountains; *Tzivoni hamidbar* (*T. systola*) ranging from Tiberias to the Negev and east to Jordan; *Tzivoni heharim* (*T. agenensis*) ranging from the Galilee to the Negev mountains; and *Tzivoni hasharon* (*T. agenensis* and its subspecies *sharonensis*), the only wild tulip growing exclusively in Israel on the coastal light sands.

Some biblical scholars hold the Sharon tulip to be the "lily of the valley" mentioned in the Bible, while others argue that it is the "rose of Sharon."

The modern hybrids have mostly evolved from a common ancestor, the dull crimson *T. gesneriana*. From this modest beginning, tulip blossoms now come in a remark-

ably wide range of colors, from pure white and pale pastels to the primary colors including a near black, but excluding true blue.

Flowering occurs in early, mid- and late spring, so by buying different garden varieties, you can have tulips over a long season. Not all varieties are available in Israel, but every year more kinds are imported here. Choose large, firm, fat bulbs, free of soft spots, mold, bruises and cuts. Their papery skins need not be complete. Do not keep bulbs in a warm room too long before planting them. Tulips need a cool environment in order to flower successfully. If the bulbs are kept warm too long, they may not flower at all.

Because tulips require an annual warm-cool-warm temperature sequence to bloom, gardeners in mild-winter areas need to plant "precooled" bulbs. To precool, simply store the bulbs in a bag in the warmest part of your refrigerator (the vegetable drawer) for 4-8 weeks before planting. Do not place nectar-ripening fruit, because the ethylene gas produced by the ripening process can inhibit bulbs from blooming. Cold temperatures are also necessary for natural-length (long) stems. Your warm-region garden is likely to produce short stems, if precooled does not take place. If your garden is exposed, select shorter-stemmed tulips that can better withstand strong winds. These are also excellent for raising in pots and boxes, and can be planted in between existing plants.

Now is the time for planting tulips. They prefer a "heavier" soil than do most other bulb plants. Prepare the soil, turning it over to a depth of 30 cm. for drainage and aeration. Mix in compost and a

sprinkling of all-purpose fertilizer. Plant bulbs deep, about 12 cm. into the earth, and spread about 18 cm. apart. Deep planting protects against viral disease.

When growing tulips in pots indoors, avoid fluctuations in temperature. If the room temperature falls suddenly, it slows the rate at which the plant loses water by evaporation. The roots, however, continue to take in water from the warm soil that cannot be given off through the leaves. The plant cells then become waterlogged and infirm. The plant can no longer support the bloom and falls over. So careful watering, ventilation and temperature control is very important for pot-grown tulips.

When tulips are coming into flower, be sure to keep them watered. This is doubly important if an early spring heatwave hits during flowering time.

Arranging the flowers in groups of separate colors is most eye-catching. Small beds are suitable for mixed color displays. If you do not wish to devote a whole border to tulips, they can be planted between other spring-flowering plants like hyacinths or daffodils.

Tulip hybrids do not naturally multiply like narcissi or daffodils. On the whole they flower from one to three years, before fading away. The bulbs may be left in place, or dug up to make way for summer planting. Some gardeners buy new bulbs every year for a prominent display, and after flowering, transplant them to a corner for cut flowers.

The following are among the most popular garden varieties:

• The single-flowered early tulips appear in April and the early part of May. Growing 30-35 cm. high and pleasantly scented, these

are ideal for pot planting, outdoor beds and wind-swept gardens.

• Double-flowered tulips first appeared in 1664 and have been bred to resemble peonies. The blossoms are long lasting even as cut flowers. Growing 25-30 cm. high and flowering early in spring, they are suitable for both indoors and out.

• The formal, long-stemmed Darwins are the "king" of tulips. Darwins are latecomers, introduced into Holland and northern France only in 1900. The blooms come in the full spectrum of tulip colors, and have short, rounded petals which open into large "square" cups. Reaching up 90 cm., they are the latest blooming tulips, and may continue to flower into early June.

• Cottage tulips were discovered in an old English cottage garden in 1885. They have egg-shaped blooms, highly prized for elegance and grace of form. Growing 50-75 cm. tall, these are an early spring-flowering variety, which are at their best in May.

• Lily-flowered tulips were first introduced in 1915. With their pointed, reflexed petals, these are among the most charming of tulips. A few are slightly scented. They grow to 60 cm. tall, and flower in early May.

• Parrot tulips have an orchid-like shape that makes them decorative, exotic, even bizarre. Their flamboyance makes them most effective in mixed borders, and as cut flowers, nothing is more striking. They are late flowering.

Your gardening questions and comments are welcome. Contact Batsheva Mink, P.O.B. 3943, Jerusalem 91039, or David Brauner, e-mail: morris@ashur.cc.biu.ac.il



This is the time for planting tulips. The flower that sells for about NIS 1.50 used to fetch the equivalent of \$150,000 a bulb.

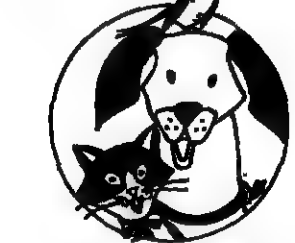
## TIP OF THE WEEK

When cutting tulips for indoor enjoyment, choose the flower with a tight bud with color on the upper two-thirds of the petals. This way when you place the tulip in a vase, the petals will open gradually, which can cause a vase life of up to 10 days. Cut early in the morning, for best results. To prolong vase life, keep cool, recut the stems daily and replace them with fresh water every three days. Misting also helps.

**NOTE:** Do not mix daffodils and tulips in the same vase. The flowers' stems exude substances that are mutually harmful.

# Whistler mothers - and offspring

## Heads 'N' Tails



By D'vora Ben Shaul

Cavies - that is, guinea pigs - are a popular pet, especially the long-haired ones called "whistlers." They get their name from the pleasant whistling call they make, particularly when they are excited, such as when someone they know comes near or when feeding time rolls around. They are admired for their beautiful coats - long silky fur sometimes straight and occasionally wavy or slightly curly. If a whistler is in good condition the pelt, which can be one of several colors, will be shiny and soft. Any ailment or debilitating condition will manifest itself in the appearance of the pelt. It may become dry, coarse, or begin to shed profusely.

Although whistlers are clean animals, with almost no offensive odors, the long hair is most attractive if regularly groomed. For this purpose, a fairly soft hairbrush is excellent. Most whistlers, if gently handled, actually love the grooming process, for they are very affectionate animals. It is not necessary to wash a whistler but if its room is very warm, rubbing a damp cloth over the fur will remove dust from the pelt and help keep it shiny. Be careful not to rub too hard! After using the damp cloth, dry the pet with a soft towel so it doesn't get a chill.

If the animals are properly fed, their droppings are uniformly firm, so there is usually no problem of their soiling their fur. But if this should happen, cleanse the pet with warm water and then dry it. If a whistler is allowed to run about the house, it might come in contact with something oily that soils the fur. You can remove this by applying talc or corn starch and brushing it out.

Since most pet whistlers usually spend their time on a soft surface and never get to dig or scratch at firmer surfaces, you will be required to trim their toenails from

time to time. Use a special trimmer, available at pet shops, which cuts the nail all around with one snip rather than a flat cut such as made with scissors. Trim only the tip of the nail so there is no danger of cutting into a sensitive area where blood vessels and nerves are found.

Feeding your pet the right food is the true secret to raising healthy, happy whistlers. The cavy is one of the few animals aside from primates - i.e., monkeys, apes and humans - that does not produce its own vitamin C and must have this essential component in its diet every day. Otherwise, the animal will develop sore gums, become lethargic, and lose most of its fur. A severe lack of vitamin C can even kill it. To avoid this, feed your pet a good commercial pellet especially designed for cavies, along with a liberal diet of fresh green vegetables, dried whole-grain bread and some fruits and tomatoes every day. Avoid feeding them cakes, sweets, raw potatoes and cooked foods.

With this sort of care, whistlers can be happy, lovable pets and will probably present you with some delightful little whistlers as well.



Long-haired guinea pigs called "whistlers" get their name from the pleasant whistling call they make.

(Ariel Jerozolimski)

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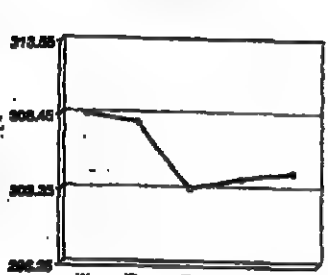
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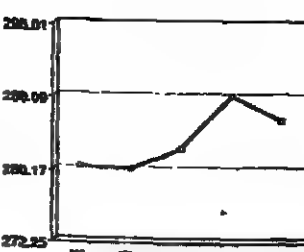
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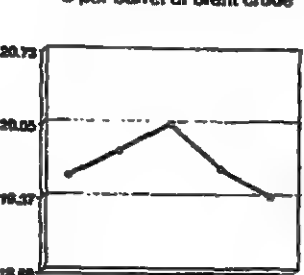
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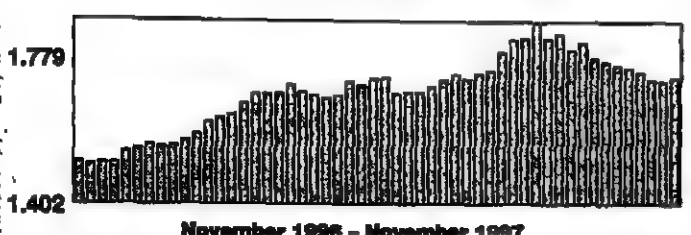
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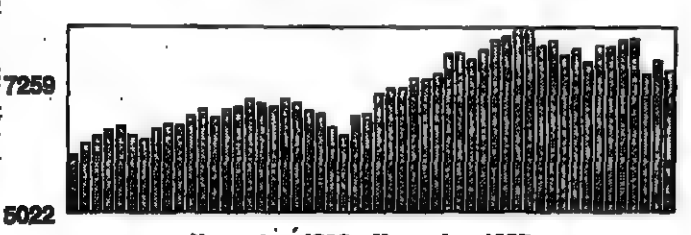
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## Government sells its last shares in Koor

The government has sold its last shares in Koor Industries for NIS 13.651 million, Accountant General Shai Talmon said yesterday.

The sales took place in recent months on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, with shares being purchased by domestic and foreign investors. A total of 35,784 shares were sold at an average 2.5 percent above their closing value. *David Harris*

## MKs okay 2% amona hike for minimum payers

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved a two percent municipal property tax (amona) increase despite an attempt by opposition MKs to block the move.

The increase will only apply to those paying the minimum tax and is in addition to the across-the-board 13.9% rise approved on Monday.

Local authorities must impose the 2% increase plus the first 8.9% rise of the 13.9%, with the remaining 5% at the discretion of each municipality. *David Harris*

## Peres to start regional development fund

US Overseas Private Investment Corp. to create \$60m. fund for PA, Jordan

By STEVE RODAN  
and news agencies

DOHA, Qatar - Former prime minister Shimon Peres said yesterday he is establishing what he hopes will be a multibillion dollar fund for investment in high technology in the Middle East.

Peres said his proposal is for multinational companies to allocate 0.1 percent of their sales revenues to the Peres Peace Center for private sector high-tech projects in agriculture, medicine and telecommunications. The proposal has been raised with chairmen of leading companies as well as international leaders. He said he plans to raise the issue on Friday

during his meeting in Washington with US President Bill Clinton.

The former prime minister said he is urging companies to use part of their huge profits to help their consumers offset the losses from government cuts in social services. "Everything that makes money has been privatized and everything that costs money is being phased out," Peres said.

Peres said he did not have a target figure for the fund but he expected it to exceed the \$2.4 billion pledged by various countries to the Palestinian Authority in 1993.

The center, directed by former Foreign Ministry director-general Uri Savir, is also launching another

fund for high technology. This \$100 million fund is funded by the Israelis and Palestinians, who have each contributed 30 percent and the Japanese and the Europeans, who are giving another 30 percent. The final 10 percent is from the World Bank.

This fund is meant to promote Arab-Israeli private joint ventures. Peres said he has also convinced the chairman of the Marconi Corp. to donate \$5 million for a meeting center for Palestinians and Israelis. A site for the building is now being sought.

Peres refused to discuss political developments in Israel and suggested several times that he is no longer interested in being

involved in Israeli political life. "I have no desire to go into politics," he said. "Please spare me this."

Meanwhile, the US Overseas Private Investment Corp. signed an agreement on Monday to create a \$60 million equity fund for investments in Gaza, the West Bank and Jordan. The fund will be managed by Capital Investment Corp. of McLean, Virginia, and investments will include manufacturing and services-oriented companies.

Once fully capitalized, the fund will focus on Israeli-Palestinian joint ventures - 60 percent in Gaza and the West Bank and the remaining 40% in Jordan, according to a statement released today by OPIC.

Already in the region, and supported by OPIC, are the Inter-Arab Fund of \$45 million; a \$200 million fund for investments in Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco; and the \$40 million Israel Growth Fund for investments in telecommunications, high technology, and other consumer projects.

"The signing of this protocol marks an important milestone in the OPIC's support of this new fund for the Middle East," said George Munoz, president and chief executive officer, in a statement.

OPIC provides insurance coverage to companies that do business outside the US. It earned \$205 million last year, according to the US Treasury Department.

## Government explores Omani gas potential

By STEVE RODAN

DOHA, Qatar - Israel is examining the prospect of negotiating with Oman for the supply of natural gas, an energy source that the Gulf sheikdom is beginning to explore, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

An Israeli government representative plans on traveling to Muscat to hold talks with Omani officials on launching negotiations for a supply of natural gas, once their offshore fields are developed.

Israel has already renewed its talks with Qatar over a natural gas deal. But officials said that the negotiations will have to be with the Enron Corp., the US firm that is developing Qatar's lucrative offshore fields.

"In the past, we have been shy with pursuing these talks with Enron because we thought we never could afford this," an official source said.

The negotiations with Oman are meant to allow Israel to pursue several avenues with potential suppliers. So far, Israel has been discussing the supply of natural gas with Russia and Egypt.

Former prime minister Shimon Peres met with Qatar's Emir Sheikh Hamad Althani yesterday and discussed several private projects with Qatar to be conducted through his new peace center. These included development of alternative energy and transportation.

Industry sources said that of the proposals, Israel is considering the Egyptian offer of a natural gas pipeline through the Sinai is the most feasible. But the sources said Israel remains uncertain over the direction of those negotiations and prefers to explore different options.

Enron is still interested in resuming talks with Israel, officials said. Enron chairman Rebecca Mark said the growing trend is for buyers to purchase natural gas from private gas producers rather than governments. She said this is true in Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Egypt and Israel.

## FDA nixes TranScan application

By JENNIFER FRIEDMAN

The US Food and Drug Administration voted earlier this week not to approve TranScan Research & Development's T-scan 2000 device, which is designed to determine if a breast mass is malignant or benign.

The FDA's radiological devices panel said in its decision that the Migdal Ha'emek-based company did not sufficiently identify the target population for the T-scan 2000, and this could cause some women not getting life-saving biopsies.

In trials, T-scan only succeeded in effectively screening 87 percent of women who would otherwise need a biopsy.

TransScan said it will now conduct additional research and plans to resubmit its application again. "This is new technology and it is thus more difficult to get approval for it," said Ami Ofek, director-general of RSL Electronics, a partner in the company.

Analysts said the FDA's rejection of the device is a devastating blow for a start-up since it bars products from the multi-million-dollar US market. "When the FDA delays an application, that's one thing, but being stopped is a whole other issue," said Debbie Kodish, a pharmaceutical analyst at Zarnes Securities. "They will be scrutinized a lot more next time because this happened already."

RSL Electronics and Medmax of the US and Star and Atlas of Germany have invested \$5 million in developing T-scan 2000.

The company currently sells the device in Italy, France and Korea.



## Koreans nix financial reforms

South Korean riot police in Seoul pass bankers protesting proposed financial reforms yesterday. The parliament failed to pass the reform legislation, and speculation is that Korea may ask for assistance from the International Monetary Fund. *(Reuters)*

While diplomats attempt to resolve trade crisis

## Customs chief says EU charges of violations have 'absolutely no basis'

By DAVID HARRIS

The European Union warning to importers that Israeli products may violate free-trade stipulations is "a false notice with absolutely no basis," Customs and VAT Director Moti Ayalon charged yesterday.

Speaking at the Knesset Economics Committee, Ayalon said talks between Jerusalem and Brussels would take place within the next fortnight in an attempt to resolve the trade dispute that began with Israeli orange juice exports but in recent days has spread across the gamut of trade with the EU.

"Israel as a state has committed no crime," said Ayalon. "If I find anything there will be a criminal investigation."

EU officials have now said they are satisfied that Israeli manufacturers are no longer mixing Brazilian oranges with domestic

produce before exporting orange juice to Europe. However, senior industry representatives deny the practice was ever adopted.

The EU's objection is based on the fact that it has no free trade agreement with Brazil, and Israeli exporters are taking advantage of the country's FTA with Brussels.

The EU is asking to inspect Israel's books regarding previous years, but yesterday a high-ranking industry and Trade Ministry official said it would be virtually impossible to confirm anything.

"It would be very difficult to make all the relevant checks because 10 or so juice-producing factories have closed," said Foreign Trade Administration Deputy Director Gabriella Cohen.

The point was driven home by fruit-juice industry representative Yishai Veltman, who said industry sales have shrunk from \$500 million a year in 1990 to \$250m. last year. While much of that decline

follows a worldwide pattern, Veltman said it is also explained in part by the attempts of some citrus-producing nations, such as Spain, Italy, Greece, Morocco and Cyprus, to block Israel's access to European markets.

The orange juice issue is only a small part of a wider picture, said Cohen. The EU distinguishes between the Palestinian Authority and Israel for political reasons, she claimed.

"The EU is far from balanced in trading with us," alleged Export Institute Director General Amir Hayek, who said 62 percent of Israel's trade deficit is with the EU.

The issuance of the EU warning to importers could result either in "no damage or the complete refusal of European importers to purchase Israeli goods," according to a European diplomat.

Meanwhile, *The New York Times* yesterday reported that the Clinton

administration said it would punish an Israeli owned citrus company "for doing business in Cuba on land expropriated from Americans."

The US State Department has reportedly sent a letter to the BM Group last week saying company executives and their families would be barred from entering the US unless they provide documentation within 45 days showing they had not broken the law.

Congress passed a law in 1996 which enables the government to impose penalties on foreign companies investing in Cuban property deemed to have been seized following Fidel Castro's rise to power in 1959.

The EU is threatening to challenge this law via the World Trade Organization.

"Israel supports the policy of the American government in regards to Cuba," an Israeli official told *The Times*.

## Farmers: Mekorot inflating prices

By DAN GERSTENFELD

The water costs presented by Mekorot to the Treasury are inflated several times above the actual price, Yoram Tamari, the water organizer in the Agricultural Center, said Monday.

Mekorot chairman Doron Grouper denied the report and said that water prices are determined by the government and receive the approval of the Knesset Finance Committee and are also supervised by the water commissioner.

The company added that the prices it charges for drinking water are lower than the prices charged by similar companies abroad.

Tamari said that a large part of the NIS 300 million subsidy paid by the government to Mekorot each year is unjustified.

The economic department of the Agriculture Center, the farmers' umbrella planning organization, bases its claim on a comparison between the costs of Mekorot and those presented by private water suppliers and the Jewish National Fund.

Tamari said the actual price of the water, paid by private users and the agriculture industry, should be about 30 percent lower. He added that Mekorot intends to raise the price of water by 19.7% in 1998.

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## Central bank approves Internet banking services

By DAN GERSTENFELD

The Banks Supervisor Zeev Abeles said yesterday banks would be allowed to supply some banking services over the Internet.

In the first stage, approval would be limited to allowing clients to receive information on their accounts through the Internet. In the future, Abeles intends to allow more services, such as letting bank customers submit orders from their home computers on the web. The banks would be allowed to offer such services only to veteran clients.

The banks would be prohibited from opening new accounts through the Internet.

The central bank said approval was given only after it considered the security issues and after consulting an international firm specializing in Internet security.

International banks already offer banking services via the Internet but with limitations due to security problems. All the big local banks have their own home

pages on the web and have been waiting for approval to start offering online services.

A First International Bank of Israel spokeswoman said the bank would offer services immediately after receiving approval.

Industry sources say it is too early to estimate if online banking would revolutionize the banking industry. The number of US consumers able to access their checking accounts online is estimated at 2.5 million, and forecasts estimate that another 3.4 million would join this year.

The US Wells Fargo Bank, considered a leading provider of online banking services, said last December that its online banking base had grown from 20,000 to 270,000 users in 18 months. The bank added it expects to have two million users within five years.

Idith Lusky, executive vice president for private banking at Bank Hapoalim, said the bank is ready to start providing the services and that all security problems have been solved by an outside specialist.

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## THE BUSINESS SCENE

BY GRUER LAY CASIMAN



Everyone took a big bite out of the burger at Burger Ranch's recent 25th anniversary bash at Tel Aviv Port. Some 2,500 employees and franchisees from all 70 Israeli Burger Ranch branches, from upper Galilee to Eilat along with many shakers and movers from Israel's food industry converged in Tel Aviv to celebrate the fact that Burger Ranch keeps growing despite increasing competition from international rivals.

Among the tastymakers were representatives of the Paz Group, which last month acquired 66.5 percent of Burger Ranch stock, including Zachi Ben-Dor, chairman of the Paz board; Sami Ben-Shach (center), Paz managing director; and Ron Landi (left), general manager of Burger Ranch. Also present were Reuven Masnick, general manager of Zolglobé, and Coca Cola Marketing Manager Erez Paz (right).

Millett's Leisure Shops Inc. For the past 17 years, he has strived as a business consultant. In his present position, his responsibilities are split between Blue Square and Marks and Spencer.

The Board itself has announced the appointment of Eitan Eshchenbaum as the company's vice president for finance and economics. An accountant, professor, Eshchenbaum studied accounting and economics at Tel-Aviv University. He has held key positions in several leading Israeli companies.

Katzi Zamir has been appointed marketing manager of the tourism division of Kibbutz Ayelet Hashachar. Zamir, 36, has a BA in psychology and sociology. Prior to taking on her present position, she worked for seven years in the sales division of Tower Air.

Ruth Peled, general manager of P.L.D. Finance Consultants, has been appointed the Israel representative for the Austrian Volksbank, whose clients include some of Israel's most affluent companies.

**Veteran fashion designer Gershon Bram, who to date has focused primarily on female apparel, has expanded his enterprise to include a full-scale menswear division and has opened his first menswear store at 262 Dizengoff Street, Tel Aviv.**

Mickey Schneider, who for the past two years has served as general manager of the two Four Points hotels in Eilat, the Paradise and the Red Sea, has been named general manager of Herod's Shekima in Eilat, the new luxury facility on the North Beach scheduled to open in the fall of 1993. Schneider has been succeeded in his Four Points post by his deputy, Shalom Krimas.

**Julian Millett, a new immigrant from the United Kingdom, has been appointed Israel, liaison for Marks and Spencer. Millett, 49, has had wide-ranging retail experience and has been personally involved in opening 100 shops. He was employed at Selfridges and Harrods, and for a long period was managing three of the 150 branch chain of**

# A sinking feeling

Despite optimistic forecasts, market volatility continued last week, and with a worsening situation in the Far East, the TASE seems poised to fall even further.

**By NEIL COHEN**

**W**hen I wrote last week's column I thought things were calming down a little and intended not to write another portfolio piece this week. I did not expect the volatility to continue to quite the same extent, nor the TASE to sink 5.94 percent in a week. It's small consolation that our portfolios only fell 5% and 3.1%.

I'm not panicking (I promise I'm not), but I don't like the feel of this market. I think things are getting worse in the Far East, in the US and inevitably also here. We've got a lot of gains to protect and if this market is going to fall apart I want to go into the downturn with all the hatches battened and plenty of cash. Even if you ignore the slightly disturbing CPI figure, which could well have been the result of one-time and seasonal factors, there is no getting away from the fact that bankruptcies of increasingly large firms in Japan. We are still feeling the effects of the asset-price inflation of the '80s and the idiosyncrasies of the Japanese financial system as a whole, both of which may well be a factor in the increasing volatility of interna-

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|            | Qeds Point                  |  |
|            | Ayuda Insurance             |  |
|            | Central Bus Bond            |  |
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tional financial markets.

I think that in a situation of considerable uncertainty one needs to go over every holding in one's portfolio and review the case for owning it. If that case still holds, is the stock at a price at which we would be buying it now if we didn't own it already. Because, as a savvy friend of mine reminds me, a decision not to sell a stock is tantamount to a decision to buy it. So, if the thought of buying more of the stock in question isn't crossing your mind you ought to be thinking about selling the stock.

This said, sometimes you just feel you own enough of a stock. You like it, but you don't want to own infinite quantities of it. In the case, you should be prepared to hold on to it even after it falls to a price below what you paid for it.

Still, the process is a healthy one and has thrown up quite a number of sale candidates. The stocks I really like down here are Cargill Container, Koor and IDB, though the only one I'd be buying if we had enough excess cash would be Koor. It has some momentum and improvement in shareholder value is in sight. The other two will probably require more patience.

In the aggressive portfolio the

## PERSONAL FINANCE



obvious bargain is Tower Semi. I'm glad we lightened our position over time, taking very nice profits, and would be buying more now as I think the market has panicked and knocked the stock to a level of excessive undervaluation.

Although in general, convertible bonds are a low downside way to play the market, a couple of our convertibles do have more risk than I would like. Like the Leumi Mortgage Bank bonds are getting close to maturity and trade at a small premium to the redemption value. However, the stock is cheap enough and the premium low enough that I'm going to stick with them for a little longer. A recent ruling by the Monopolies Commissioner preventing the mortgage banks from collecting certain commissions on life insurance sold alongside mortgages has, I think, hit their stock prices excessively hard.

### The other convertible that makes

me a little nervous is Harel Hamishmar. I think the company is a solid, well-run insurance franchise, and the stock is not expensive. However, driven in part by some of the corporate deals in the sector — especially the Generali purchase of Leumi Insurance (what used to be known as Migdal) — insurance stocks have done very well over the past year, but of late have begun to run out of steam.

The Harel Hamishmar convertible has been a great proxy for the stock, running up in parallel with it. But the premium to redemption value makes me a little nervous, though I like the underlying stock. So I am selling our entire position in the convertible, at a hefty profit I might add. If the market comes back further, I will seriously consider buying back directly into the stock somewhere lower down.

This said, the returns on convertibles have been picking up nicely as the market has been falling, and there should be some very attractive situations developing if things get any worse. With most net redemption yields on the convertibles of quite good companies standing north of 4% (plus CPI), and in many cases close to or better than 5%, I'm already starting to keep

in the aggressive portfolio, I'm taking some profits and raising some cash as well. Our Clal

Electronics holding has performed well, and I think its prospects have improved, in particular as things seem to be looking up at Schenectady. However, the stock has a lot of exposure to Wall Street, so I am taking some more profit out of the holding, selling one-third of the position.

In downturns, small illiquid stocks tend to be hit particularly hard. Top Image Systems has appreciated nicely in the short time since we bought it (though it has been higher). However, this is a small stock of a small company and I think discretion is the better part of valor in what is quite a speculative situation so I am taking the money and running, closing out the whole position.

We now have over 25% of the conservative portfolio and 27% of the aggressive in cash. I will continue to actively review the portfolios while also scouting for compelling opportunities, though at this stage the emphasis will be on taking advantage of rebounds to prune the portfolios rather than falls to add to them.

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# Sabena to buy Airbus planes for \$1.4b.

**S**abena SA said it will buy 34 aircraft worth about \$1.4 billion from Airbus Industries in a blow to the European planemaker's rival, Boeing Co., which had been the Belgian national airline's primary supplier.

Sabena said it will order the single-aisle aircraft to replace older Boeing 737 aircraft and expand its fleet. The order includes 26 Airbus A319s, five Airbus A320s and three A321s. It took options on a further five aircraft. Deliveries start in January 1999.

The order is the latest defeat for Boeing in the European market this year. The world's largest planemaker has also lost out to its European rival for orders from Virgin Atlantic Airways and British Midland Airways, both traditionally Boeing customers. The

setbacks have demonstrated that Boeing's acquisition of McDonnell Douglas Corp., the world's only other maker of large civil aircraft, has actually worked against the Seattle-based plane-maker at times.

British Midland and Virgin both said they became more willing to consider Airbus products because they thought it important to play the world's only two remaining planemakers off each other to get better prices.

Airbus is a four-nation group of European planemakers. Aerospaiale SA of France and Germany's Daimler-Benz Aerospace each own 37.9 percent, British Aerospace Plc owns 20 percent and Construcciones Aeronauticas SA of Spain holds the remainder. (Bloomberg Business News)

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| KayCorp         | 63.1875 | -0.25   |
| Kimberly-Clark  | 50.5625 | -0.0625 |
| King World Prod | 54.875  | -0.9375 |
| Knight Riddler  | 50.375  | +0.125  |
| Kroger          | 34.5    | +0.0625 |

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| Altria Corp.      | 45.625  | +0.375  |
| Messumetrol Corp. | 45.125  | +0.1875 |
| Matel Inc.        | 40      | -0.4375 |
| Maying Corp.      | 31.5    | -1.1875 |
| McDermott         | 36.375  | -0.3125 |
| McDonalds         | 48.8125 | -0.625  |
| McGraw Hill       | 87.6875 | +0.375  |
| McKesson Corp.    | 112.375 | +0.625  |
| Mead Corp.        | 63      | -1.4375 |
| Medtronic         | 46.6875 | -0.0625 |
| Nelson Bk.        | 52.75   |         |

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| Metoscope       | 30.875  | -0.875  |
| New England EI  | 40      | +0.1875 |
| Norfolk Corp    | 20.25   | -0.0625 |
| NY State EI Gas | 28.8875 | +0.0625 |
| NY Times        | 59.3125 | +0.875  |
| Newmont Mining  | 31.3125 | -0.3125 |
| Norfolk Inc     | 9.5625  | -0.1875 |
| Noror Inc       | 39.25   | -0.0625 |
| Nike Inc        | 50.5    | +0.4375 |
| All Industries  | 16.875  | +0.125  |

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| Peapack          | 98.4375 | -0.8375 |
| Parkin Elmer     | 70.625  | -2.125  |
| Pitzer           | 69.5    | -1.875  |
| Pharmacia & Upj  | 32      | +0      |
| Phelps Dodge     | 69.4375 | -0.6875 |
| Philadel Elms    | 23.375  | +0.3125 |
| Philip Morris    | 42.0625 | -0.825  |
| Phillips Elms    | 71.375  | +0.25   |
| Phillips Pet     | 49.75   | -1.125  |
| Pioneer Hi Breed | 100.063 | +1.5525 |

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| Penny Bazaar       | 28,213 | -0.68% |
| Play Moby          | 1,062  | -0.01% |
| Polygram Corp      | 8,128  | 0%     |
| Potlatch Corp      | 81,566 | -0.02% |
| Potomac El Pwr     | 1,062  | -0.01% |
| Postnet Int'l      | 73,26  | -0.75  |
| Pub Serv Enterpr   | 27,553 | -0.12% |
| Pug Ind Pnt        | 37,053 | -0.49  |
| Quaker Oats        | 30,79  | 0%     |
| Qualcomm           | 8,018  | -0.11% |
| Quwest Inc         | 30,25  | -0.25  |
| RJR Nabisco        | 34,655 | -0.25  |
| Rising Health      | 37,823 | -0.10% |
| Rockport Congn ADR | 11,556 | -0.07% |
| Rockwell Corp      | 19,375 | -0.75  |
| Rochem Corp        | 50,000 | -0.02% |
| Rockwell Int'l     | 40,25  | 0%     |
| Rockwell Int'l ADR | 10,125 | -0.12% |
| Rockwell Metals    | 57,825 | -0.35  |
| Rockwell ADR       | 81,697 | -1.56% |
| Rockwell Int'l     | 10,125 | -0.75  |
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| Rockwell & Heiss   | 93,437 | -0.25  |
| Rockwell Int'l     | 10,125 | -0.10% |
| Rochem             | 28,177 | -0.27% |
| Rochem             | 36,79  | -0.31% |
| Rochem Int'l       | 37,823 | -1.87% |
| Rochem             | 23,887 | -0.32% |

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| Ruddick        | 18.5625 | -0.5    |
| Russell Corp   | 30.5625 | -0.0625 |
| Ryder System   | 38.5625 | +0      |
| Ryder Co       |         |         |
| SPS Technology | 45.1875 | +0.0625 |
| Safeco Corp    | 47      | +0.375  |
| Safety-Kleen   | 26      | -0.25   |
| St Paul's Cos  | 79.75   | -0.125  |
| Salomon Inc    | 81.125  | -1.312  |
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| Sprint Corp.     | 58.5625 | +1.06 |
| Standard Prods.  | 25.4375 | -0.62 |
| Stanley Works    | 42.125  | -0.81 |
| Stone Container  | 12.875  | -0.12 |
| Storage Technol. | 62.8125 | +0.31 |
| Status Comp      | 32.5375 | -0.62 |
| Sun America      | 1.625   | -0.12 |
| Sun Company      | 42.8975 | +1.16 |
| Sundstrand       | 51.1875 | -0.75 |
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| Super Microsystems |         |       |  |
| Burnham            | 87,675  | -1.08 |  |
| Burns              | 38,125  | +0.28 |  |
| Synco              | 23,675  | -0.08 |  |
| Symyx Corp.        | 14,069  | -0.76 |  |
| T.J. Co. Inc.      | 36,25   | -0.81 |  |
| THW Inc.           | 57,500  | -0.12 |  |
| Trio Products      | 13,70   | +0.5  |  |
| Turnbards          |         |       |  |
| Transfer Corp.     |         |       |  |
| Tandy Corp.        | 44      | -4.58 |  |
| Tecumseh Corp.     | 29,875  | -0.04 |  |
| Telefonos de Mex.  | 45      | -0.23 |  |
| Telpak Int'l       | 33,75   | -0.68 |  |
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| Telstar            | 26,0    | -0.03 |  |
| Tenaxide           | -35.0   | -0.21 |  |
| Tesco Pro.         | 17,0025 | -0.14 |  |
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| Tesco Instruments  | 88,125  | -2.7  |  |
| Teles Utilities    | 37,025  | -0.4  |  |
| Tecton             |         | -0.5  |  |
| Thelco             | 87,215  | +0.7  |  |
| Thomas & Betts     | 46,3375 | -0.3  |  |
| ThreeCom           | 23.5    | -0.6  |  |















CRITICS' CHOICE

GUITAR & JAZZ

HELEN KAYE

Baldi Olier, one of the first, and now arguably among the best of Israeli flamenco guitarists, presents *Flamenco* within the framework of the International Guitar Festival, after an absence of 10 years. The program includes some of his own compositions as well as genre classics. Tonight at Tel Aviv's Enav Center in Gan Ha'ir at 11 p.m.

And the New Orleans jazz series kicks off tonight with trombonist Frederick Lanzo Jr. accompanied by some of our own jazz stars, such as artistic director Dani Gorfinkel on piano, Arnie Kaminiski on drums, and Albert Piamonta on sax and clarinet. Lanzo has lived in New Orleans all his life and breathed its music through his pores, as well as playing with such groups as the Heritage Hall Jazz Band. Tonight at the Israel Museum, Jerusalem at 8:30 p.m.

DANCE

HELEN KAYE

The 9th Chamber Dance Festival begins its Tel Aviv run today with *The Zodiac*, described as a collage for 14 dancers and musicians. Dancers include Festival artistic director Amos Hetz, Anat Shargar, and percussionists Oron Schwartz. On the Suzanne Dellal mainstage tonight at 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday at 9 p.m.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Renowned Greek popular singer George Dalaras joins the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra for a program of Greek music, featuring songs by Hatzidakis and Theodorakis, as well as a selection of Ladino songs. The conductor is Elias Voudouris. Tonight and tomorrow (8:30) at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv.



Greek singer George Dalaras joins the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra tonight and tomorrow.

Music director David Shallon leads the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra in a light classic program of Russian favorites, including excerpts from Khachaturian's ballet *Goyene*, the Polovtze Dances from Borodin's *Prince Igor*, Prokofiev's *Jewish Overture* and Stravinsky's second suite for small orchestra. The program also features the world premiere of Shimon Cohen's trombone concerto with Israeli soloist Nitzan Haroz, the principal trombonist of the Philadelphia Orchestra. Tonight and tomorrow (8:30) at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem, with a concert pre-view at 7:30.

The Ra'anana Symphonette premieres Yoni Rechter's *The Western Edge*, a new opus for santir and orchestra with soloist Eli Sasson. Yuval Zaliouk also leads his orchestra in the *Tragic Overture* by Brahms, Sibelius's *Finlandia* and the *Swan of Tuonella*, and the Dvorak cello concerto with Arto Noras as soloist. Tonight, tomorrow and Saturday in Ra'anana (9).

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CHANNEL 1

6:30 News flash  
6:31 News in Arabic  
6:45 Good Morning Israel  
18:00 La Journal  
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18:30 News headlines  
18:35 Neighbors  
18:40 Gaze Under Fire  
Someone Like Me  
20:30 Kung Fu III  
21:10 Challenges  
22:30 News in English  
22:30 Land's End  
22:35 American Gothic  
23:15 American Gothic

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Book of Genesis  
8:30 Family Album  
9:00 Sciences  
9:25 English  
9:40 Arithmetic  
10:00 For the very young (Arabic)  
10:00 Science and Technology  
10:30 Music  
10:30 Art  
10:30 Cartoons  
10:30 Pretty Buttery

CHANNEL 1

15:30 Pink Panther  
15:55 Super Ben  
16:00 Boy Meets World  
16:25 Super Ben  
16:30 The Mask  
16:59 A New Evening  
17:00 Zap to  
18:05 Super Ben  
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Family Matters  
18:00 News

HERREW PROGRAMS

18:30 News flash  
18:31 Hebrew Songs  
18:40 News in Arabic  
20:45 A Moment in Life - driving offenses caught by cameras  
20:50 Conference Call - with Nissim Mithal  
21:30 The Barbara Walters Special - Barbara Walters talks to Harlan Ford, George Clooney and Drew Barrymore, in exclusive interviews that reveal little-known sides of their off-screen personalities and early careers.  
22:18 Dark Skies - Mercury Rising  
22:00 Dream On  
22:30 News  
00:00 Vase of the Day

CHANNEL 2

6:15 Today's programs  
6:30 Rupert Bear  
7:00 Cops with Ted Ad  
8:00 Ruby  
10:00 Picket Fences  
11:00 Thunder Alley - comedy with Ed Asner  
11:30 Empty Nest  
12:00 Brooklyn Nine  
12:30 Reboot - computer-animated program for children  
12:30 Junior News  
14:00 Home and Away  
14:30 Tic Tac  
15:00 Timon and Pumbaa  
15:00 Sunset Beach  
15:00 The Bold and the Beautiful  
15:00 Different Driving  
17:00 Five with Rail  
18:00 Port Charles  
18:00 Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman  
20:00 News  
20:30 Remy Aviv Ginel  
21:15 Israeli Academy of Film and Theater 1997 Awards Ceremony - live  
00:00 News  
00:05 Homicide - new series  
1:05 Soap  
1:30 Red Sea Jazz Festival - Eran Jones  
2:00 Porgy and Bess - documentary about an American opera company's visit during the 1995 Israel Festival  
2:05 On the Edge of the Sheet

FAMILY CHANNEL

7:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines (pt)  
7:30 Love Story with Yossi Sassi (pt)  
8:00 Sunset Beach  
9:00 One Life to Live  
9:45 The Young and the Restless (pt)  
10:00 Days of Our Lives  
11:15 Dulce Ana (pt)  
12:00 Love Boat  
12:15 Caddyshack  
13:30 Frasier  
14:00 Sunset Beach  
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JORDAN TV

14:00 Holy Koran  
14:10 Johnny Kren  
14:30 Super Dave  
15:00 Secrets of the Desert  
15:30 Spill Binder  
16:00 Monsters Today  
16:30 Border Town  
17:00 Secret de Famille

MOVIE CHANNEL

11:30 They Were Ten

CABLE

ITV 3 (33)

Broadcasts begin after coverage of the Knesset sitting ends  
18:30 Anger - Arabic series  
17:30 From Day to Day  
18:30 The Typist  
19:00 News in Arabic  
19:30 Telekessel  
20:00 Scant of Mint  
22:00 The Detectives  
22:30 Cargo - a musical meeting of France and South America  
24:00 Entertainment Now

ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Echo Point  
16:00 Mathematics for Bagrut  
16:30 The Weather  
17:00 Bobby - Arabic  
17:30 My Sister Brother  
18:00 Dices Mol Tour  
18:30 Tastes  
19:00 Book of Genesis  
19:30 Cops with Ted Ad  
20:00 A New Evening  
20:30 Zombi  
21:00 The New 20th Century  
22:00 One to Tango  
23:00 P.D. James's A Taste for Death - part 4

SECOND SHOWING (9)

22:10 Last Revenge (1995) - social satire. A nouveau riche banker decides to commission a statue as a gift to a museum and the artist to impose his tastes on the sculptress and the wife.  
22:45 The Devil's Breath (Spanish, 1995, 85 mins) - a painter, his wife, son and daughter undertake a long journey they will tell at home

CHANNEL 5

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# Dolphins beat Bills, tie for AFC East lead

MIAMI (AP) — The Buffalo Bills stayed close to the Miami Dolphins until Troy Drayton went out for a pass.

The wide-open tight end's 30-yard touchdown reception with 5:11 remaining Monday night gave the Dolphins some breathing room in a 30-13 victory.

Miami led only 16-13 when Dan Marino found Drayton open at the 10-yard line, some 15 yards from the nearest defender.

Following the score, the Dolphins stopped Buffalo on downs and added an insurance touchdown on Karim Abdul-Jabbar's 1-yard run.

A halftime ceremony honored Miami's 17-0 season, 25 years ago, and the Dolphins were so inspired by the tribute that they nearly blew a 13-0 lead.

But Miami (7-4) held on despite two second-half turnovers and moved into a first-place tie with the New York Jets in the AFC East. The Dolphins held the tiebreaker advantage over New York by virtue of sweeping their two-game series.

The Bills (5-6) dropped two games back. They've lost three of their past four games.

Buffalo's punchless offense has scored more than one touchdown only once in six games. Quarterback Todd Collins, who returned to the lineup after being benched for two games in favor of Alex Van Pelt, completed 19 of 37 passes for 152 yards.

Olindo Mare kicked field goals of 37, 30 and 35 yards for Miami. The Dolphins, who failed to score a touchdown in a 9-6 loss at Buffalo earlier in November, this time raced to a 13-0 lead after 22 minutes.

Buffalo's offense finally got untracked on the first possession of the second half. The Bills converted two third-and-long situations to set up a 1-yard touchdown run by Darick Holmes.

Steve Christie's 36-yard field goal made the score 16-10.

After Steve Tasker recovered Irving Spikes' fumble on the ensuing kickoff, Christie hit a 24-yard field goal.

Miami regained the momentum on Drayton's

score to cap a 61-yard drive. On second-and-11, he ran past linebacker Bryce Paup, whose attention was elsewhere. No one in the secondary was in Drayton's vicinity, and as he trotted across the goal line with the reception, Paup stretched out his arms in disbelief.

The blown coverage wasn't Buffalo's only mistake. The Bills, who have 18 more turnovers than takeaways this season, gave the ball up twice in their territory, and both mistakes led to field goals.

George Teague made a leaping interception on a pass by Collins, who was hit as he threw by Jason Taylor. The turnover led to Mare's 30-yard field goal for a 13-0 lead.

Jason Taylor recovered Antowain Smith's fumble at the Buffalo 24, and three plays later Mare banked a 35-yard field goal off the right upright to put Miami ahead 16-7.

An 11-play, 90-yard touchdown drive gave Miami a 10-0 lead in the second period. Marino capped the march with a 3-yard touchdown pass to rookie Ed Perry, his first NFL score.



OVER AND ABOVE — Miami's Ed Perry catches a pass as Buffalo's Jeff Burris defends.

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# Grasshoppers coach moves to Spurs

ZURICH (AP) — Christian Gross is to leave Grasshoppers Zurich for Tottenham, fueling speculation that Gerry Francis may be leaving the north London club.

Grasshoppers' president Romano Spadaro held a news conference yesterday to say that 43-year-old Gross would take Grasshoppers' assistant coach Fritz Schmid with him to White Hart Lane.

Such a move would appear to leave no room for Francis, who has been under fire this season after a poor start. Spurs are 16th in the 20-club premier league, only one point above the relegation zone.

Gross has guided Grasshoppers — Switzerland's most successful team — to the Champions League twice, the Cupwinners Cup once and the UEFA Cup once. He started his soccer career with the Zurich team and played with mainly Swiss clubs apart from a couple of seasons with Bochum in the Bundesliga. He's been a coach since 1988, and at Grasshoppers since 1993.

The club made a first round exit from the UEFA Cup this season, spurring Gross to look for a change, even though Grasshoppers is currently Swiss league leader.

Spadaro said that Gross approached him ten days ago and asked to be released from his contract, due to expire next summer.

Spadaro had turned down three previous requests.

"This time I couldn't refuse his request because one of the top clubs in London has a higher caliber than us," Spadaro said.

Borussia Mönchengladbach, Hamburger SV or a Japanese club, which have all tried to get our trainer in the past two years," Spadaro said.

Spadaro said Gross was in London for discussions and would be given an 18-month contract with Spurs.

Gross will link up with former Grasshoppers defender Ramon Vega, who joined Spurs earlier this season, and becomes the third non-British coach in London. Dutch star Ruud Gullit is in charge at Chelsea and former Monaco coach Arsene Wenger is at Arsenal.

If Francis, who played for England 12 times, is to leave Tottenham after three seasons, he may return to the club he left, division one Queens Park Rangers. QPR fired its management team of Stuart Houston and Bruce Rioch last week.

For Grasshoppers, assistant coach Hanspeter Latour will take over on a temporary basis. Favorite as successor is Rolf Fringer, who was fired as Swiss national coach in October after the team missed qualifying for the World Cup finals next year in France.

# Tauziat upsets Coetzer at women's season finale

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Nathalie Tauziat had not won a match in four previous trips to the WTA Tour's season-ending championships and had never beaten Amanda Coetzer in four prior meetings. Both streaks ended Monday.

The fourth-seeded Coetzer ran into a red-hot Tauziat and was overrun by the 14th-ranked Frenchwoman 6-3, 6-3 in a swift 61 minutes on opening night at the Chase Championships.

The diminutive South African had been something of a giant killer this year with huge wins over Steffi Graf and Martina Hingis. But Tauziat, who reached the final of two of her last three tournaments, cut Coetzer back down to her 5-foot-2 size with extremely aggressive net play.

"It's disappointing," said Coetzer. "I think I got a little excited when I had a good end to the season."

"I really felt like this could be the one time I could come into the championships and do well here, but unfortunately it didn't go that way," said Coetzer, who qualified for the fifth consecutive year but has never fared well here.

While the embarrassingly small crowd at Madison Square Garden seemed surprised by the result, Tauziat insisted she was not.

"I've played really well for one month. I beat some top players two weeks ago, (Jana Novotna and Iva Majoli). If I play really well my

game, I know I can beat anybody," said Tauziat, who at 30 is the senior member of the elite 16-player field.

Earlier Monday, seventh seed Mary Pierce of France spoiled the Chase Championships debut of 17th-ranked Sabine Appelmans of Belgium with a 6-3 6-4 victory.

But eighth seed Iana Spirlea of Romania narrowly prevented a French sweep on opening night by holding off 13th-ranked Sandrine Testud 6-3 5-7 6-4.

After splitting sets, Spirlea finally came up with the crucial break in the ninth game of the decider for a 5-4 lead and calmly served out the match before a handful of remaining diehard fans.

Pierce served exceptionally well, punting 72 percent of her first serves in play and saving the only two break points she faced, to advance to the quarter-finals.

"This evening it was a little easier than I expected," admitted Pierce, who needed one service break in each set to send Appelmans off on her honeymoon.

The attractive 25-year-old was married September 13 and kept putting off her honeymoon as she worked to qualify for this tournament. Unfortunately, it turned out to be a one-night stand here.

"We are thinking of going to South Africa. Amanda (Coetzer) already gave me some tips on where to go."

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